About the ASEAN-China Centre

The ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) is an inter-governmental organization which was co-founded by governments of 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China. Since its inception on 18 November 2011, the Centre has actively played its role as a one-stop information and activities centre to promote practical cooperation between ASEAN and China in the areas of trade, investment, tourism, education, culture as well as information and media. The ACC Secretariat is located in Beijing. The current Secretary-General is H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai.

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The Joint Council comprises the members of the ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee.

The Joint Executive Board consists of the ASEAN Committee in Beijing (ACB) and the China Council, which was established to include representatives from Chinese agencies involved in trade, investment, tourism, educational and cultural matters.

The Secretariat consists of a Secretary-General as its chief executive and four divisions, including General Affairs and Coordination Division, Trade and Investment Division, Education, Culture and Tourism Division, and Information and Public Relations Division.
2021 is ushering the ASEAN-China cooperation into a new era. This year marks the 54th Anniversary of ASEAN, the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, as well as the establishment of ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. A series of commemorative events and high-level meetings between both sides have been held. Meanwhile, 2021 is the first year to carry out Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2021-2025) (Plan of Action 2021-2025) and has been designated as ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. Notably in 2021, ASEAN-China Centre celebrated the 10th anniversary of its founding.

From 1991 to 2021, reviewing the journey of 30 years of ASEAN and China establishing dialogue relations as good neighbors, friends and partners, ASEAN Member States and China have been standing together through good and bad times and forging ahead. Their strong ties have served as an important pillar for the regional stability, development and prosperity, setting a benchmark and model for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. ASEAN and China have become each other’s largest trading partner, and one of each other’s most dynamic strategic partners through joint efforts.

From 2011 to 2021, over the past 10 years, ACC has always adhered to the original aspiration, making contributions to advancing the ASEAN-China friendly cooperation as well as the sound development of ASEAN and China relations. Following the direction of the Plan of Action 2021-2025, the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030 and the important consensus reached by leaders of the two sides, under the guidance of the Joint Council (JC) and the Joint Executive Board (JEB), against the backdrop of the new normal of global pandemic, in 2021 ACC has made efforts to implement approved flagship projects, organized, co-hosted and participated in numerous on-line and off-line activities, yielding good progress closely concentrated on its six priority areas. The fruitful cooperation covered a broad range of common concerns, like digital economy, green
development, sustainable development, climate change, energy, public
health, poverty reduction, education exchanges and capacity building.
In 2021, ACC’s achievements have been widely acknowledged and
strongly supported by the governments and sectors of AMS and China.

On trade and investment, the ASEAN-China Free Trade
Area (ACFTA) has been fully established for 11 years, and bilateral
economic and trade cooperation has achieved leapfrog development.
The implementation of the agreement of the Regional Comprehensive
Economic Partnership (RCEP) will boost ASEAN-China economic
and trade cooperation to a new level. ACC played a bridging role for
economic cooperation and was committed to promoting the upgraded
ACFTA and the RCEP. To promote ASEAN-China green economy and
sustainable development cooperation, ACC attended the China Forum
on International Ecological Competitiveness 2021 in Ganzhou City
and the Energy Low Carbon Development Forum 2021 in Taiyuan
City. To raise public awareness of RCEP, ACC attended the RCEP
Cooperation Forum in Beijing, the High-Level Forum for RCEP
Economic and Trade Cooperation in Qingdao City, and the 2021 RCEP
(Shandong) Import Expo in Linyi City. To further boost ASEAN-
China trade and investment relations and strengthen exchanges on
economic, trade and investment policies, ACC hosted the ASEAN-
China Trade and Investment Promotion Seminars in Shandong and
Henan provinces and co-hosted the 2021 International Economic and
Trade Cooperation Forum in Beijing. To enhance sectoral cooperation
between ASEAN and China and facilitate enterprises of both sides to
expand business in each other’s market, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-
China (Shandong) Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) Conference
for Cooperation and Development in Jinan City and the ASEAN-
China Digital Economy Development Cooperation Forum in Wuhan
City, organized field visits to Kuaishou Technology and other Chinese
leading high-tech companies and innovation industrial parks, and
participated in important exhibitions and forums in China including
the China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), the China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair, as well as professional activities in fields of digital economy, industrial chain integration, production capacity cooperation, ecological and environmental protection, low-carbon energy, green mining, rubber industry, food import, port city cooperation etc. To expand regional cooperation and influence, ACC participated in regional activities such as the ASEAN Connectivity Symposium, the ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, the SCO Qingdao Forum on Local Economic and Trade Cooperation, and the BRICS Forum and Exhibition on Partnership on New Industrial Revolution, etc. ACC also compiled a book titled the Overview of ASEAN-China Trade to provide reference for people to better understand the development of ASEAN-China trade.

**On education**, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only severely restricted the flow of people but also caused numerous difficulties to the promotion of educational exchanges and cooperation. Striving to adapt to the new normal and meeting bilateral demands, ACC has made a series of attempts in improving quality and efficiency by giving full play to its advantages of resources and channels in education area, bringing forth new ideas to the forms and enriching connotations of existing programmes, which has achieved significant results. In order to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the youth of AMS and China, ACC co-hosted the 2021 ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week and Youth Artwork Competition & Exhibition and the ASEAN-China Youth Forum, themed as celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the dialogue relations of ASEAN and China. During the 2021 China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW), ACC has made innovation in co-organizing TVET High-tea for AMS education officials to share experience and had in-depth discussions to explore the new paths and new models for TVET collaboration in the post-epidemic era, and co-hosting the Rising Star Innovation Lab to encourage young students from both
sides to actively engage in innovation and entrepreneurship. ACC has also actively broadened cooperation channels and increased its influence by establishing new links and signing MoCs with related educational organizations, universities and governmental departments, such as Dezhou Municipal People’s Government, China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), the Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) of the MoE of China and Tianjin FAO. ACC has made efforts to promote exchanges and cooperation in the field of higher education by organizing Hainan Trip, Dalian Trip and Guizhou Trip for education officials of AMS embassies in China for better understanding towards Chinese higher education system and educational development in different areas of China. ACC has initiated and co-hosted series of training and seminars for educators and teachers of AMS, aiming to build platforms for exchanging experiences, enhancing theories and skills and exploring future cooperation with Chinese universities. To help teachers, students and parents of AMS obtain timely, comprehensive and valid information about studying and living in China and have better understanding towards Chinese education system, ACC has designed the Programme of the 2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS, which has been conducted 5 sessions, benefitting more than 10,000 students and parents of AMS in total, and received enthusiastic responses from both AMS and China. ACC has maintained close communication with education officials of AMS embassies in China to keep abreast of the collaboration demands of each country, plan ahead and make steady and targeted efforts to promote educational exchanges and cooperation between AMS and China.

On culture, in the context of the normalization of epidemic prevention and control, ACC maintained sound relations with partners from government departments, cultural organizations, institutions and academia in AMS and China, explored innovative and flexible
ways and organized various activities to promote cultural exchanges and practical cooperation of both sides. In order to strengthen mutual appreciation through cultural exchanges and interactions, ACC co-hosted 2021 ASEAN-China Fair and “The Story of Time–24 Solar Terms” Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity, launched the Compilation and Release of the Pamphlets on ASEAN Culture Information, attended the 15th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum, 2021 Hainan Island Carnival, the Opening Ceremony of the 2021 Culture City of East Asia•China Dunhuang Year of Activity, etc. In terms of Common Development of Creative Production Capacity and Cultural Industry, ACC co-hosted the joint performances and photo exhibition in celebration of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations at the Thai Festival 2021, co-organized the 16th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum with the theme of “High-Quality Development and International Cooperation of Cultural Industry”, supported the “ASEAN Guest of Honour” Project of the 11th Beijing International Film Festival, and attended the 2021 International Cooperation Forum in Culture and Tourism Industries at the 4th China International Import Expo. As for Children’s Cultural Enlightenment for Friendship and Cooperation, ACC updated the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges, introducing people-to-people and cultural information as well as popular digital cultural resources online, and attended the 2nd China-ASEAN Children’s Publishing Forum. These activities demonstrated the uniqueness and diversity of the cultures of ASEAN and China, and achieved fruitful results.

On tourism, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic severely hindered the recovery and development of tourism industry. As in previous years, ACC made a whole-year programme for ASEAN-China tourism exchange and cooperation for 2021. As an information and activities centre, the tourism team of ACC continued its information-related work and strengthened its partnership with the relevant
tourism associations and institutes. ACC kept contacts and exchanged information with partners, such as the Embassies of AMS in Beijing, travel organizations and relevant institutions of ASEAN and China. Meanwhile, ACC successfully co-organized many signature tourism activities, such as Month of ASEAN Culture and Tourism, ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition, Xi’an Silk Road International Tourism Expo, Sichuan International Travel Trade Expo, ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition (Guilin), Chinese-Speaking Guide Training of ASEAN (Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia) etc. Facing the particular situation, the promotion of ASEAN tourism is going on in the Chinese market and tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China expanded steadily.

On information and public relations, faced with continued COVID-19 challenges, ACC adopted innovative means in designing and implementing its flagship projects and carried out series of projects and hybrid online and offline activities to further deepen ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation and boost public awareness about ASEAN-China relations and ACC. Two ambassador-level lectures were held respectively at Hainan University and Hunan Normal University under the “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” project, which were well received by the faculty members and students. The ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum was successfully held for the fourth year in a row. The forum has served as a long-term efficient platform for media from both sides to have in-depth exchange of views and share experiences to better embrace opportunities brought by the development of ASEAN-China relations and jointly meet the challenge of the pandemic and the new round of media technological changes. To strengthen its network of partners and boost capacity building of media from both sides, ACC conducted a variety of events. A familiarization trip was organized for AMS diplomats and journalists stationed in Beijing to visit China’s Gansu Province, which provided an opportunity for them
to deepen understanding and friendship with local people and for ACC to strengthen its partnership with AMS embassies in China and Gansu authorities. New initiatives were launched in brand building and public relations. More analytical and thought-provoking articles were provided to *China Report* magazine. An article entitled “ACC as Activities Centre” was publicized on ACC website, reviewing its activities over the past years and drawing inspiration. ACC also conducted a systematic review of ACC’s work, achievements and experiences to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of ACC, providing reference for advancing its future undertakings. The *2019 ASEAN-China in Figures* and new editions of *Newsletter* were compiled, and ACC outdoor display board took on a new look.

As an inter-governmental organization co-founded by 10 AMS and China in 2011, ACC continued to strengthen linkages and cooperation with the governments, business and social associations, academia and private sectors of AMS and China, which rendered ACC great support and enabled it to fulfill the current and actual needs of both sides. ACC further enhanced communication and partnership with relevant international organizations, especially with the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), etc. These efforts have further expanded ACC’s network with relevant stakeholders and are helpful to better carry out its mandate.

Looking forward, ACC will continue to fully harness its role as a one-stop information and activities centre. ACC will join hands with all friends and partners, move forward in innovative spirit, and positively facilitate ASEAN and China to expand and deepen all-round practical cooperation, set up bridges for bilateral connectivity, boost the regional recovery and growth, and strengthen the people-to-people exchanges, so as to make contributions to building a higher level of ASEAN-China strategic partnership for mutual benefit.
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ASEAN-China cooperation has grown into the most successful and vibrant model for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific economy. Since the beginning of 2020, cooperation between the two sides has continued to grow despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. ASEAN and China have become each other’s largest trading partners. With the extensive demand created by the post-pandemic economic recovery, and the sufficient impetus provided by the development of digital economy and implementation of RCEP, ASEAN-China economic and trade cooperation shows broader development prospects. According to China customs statistics, the bilateral trade volume in 2021 reached 878.2 billion US dollars, a year-on-year increase of 28.1% while the two-way investment has exceeded 24.5 billion US dollars, maintaining a growth trend.

In 2021, ACC spared no efforts to encourage two-way trade and investment between ASEAN and China by co-hosting and participating activities in line with ASEAN-China cooperation in sustainable development, digital economy, smart cities network, tackling global epidemic and other emerging issues through regional cooperation. ACC will continue to strengthen communication and cooperation with government agencies, business associations, think-tanks, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of both sides and raise ASEAN-China public awareness of the upgraded ACFTA, RCEP and bilateral trade and investment policies for more cooperation opportunities.

Promoting ASEAN-China Sustainable Development Cooperation

[ 1. Background ]

The year 2021 was designated as the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation at the 23rd ASEAN-China Summit in 2020. Both sides agreed to further implement the ACFTA and its upgraded protocol, strengthen the coordination of development strategies and expand cooperation in people-to-people exchanges, digital economy, poverty reduction, food security, climate change, blue economy and cybersecurity, and constantly promote the development of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic brought challenges, it also created opportunities giving birth to a number of new industries and business practices. Emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things, 5G communications, artificial intelligence and big data are playing an important role in areas such as low carbon, energy saving, ecological and environmental protection, health care, medical supplies, education and logistics. Both AMS and China take the Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation and the new round of technology revolution as an opportunity to harness the comparative strengths to promote win-win cooperation, strengthen new drivers of growth, and contribute to stability and prosperity in the region.

In view of this, ACC actively participated in relevant activities and discussed opportunities for promoting ASEAN-China sustainable development cooperation with government officials, business associations, enterprises and academic representatives of both sides.

[ 2. Activities ]

(1) Attended the Inauguration of 2021 ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation

On 28 May 2021, ACC representatives attended the Inauguration of 2021 ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation in Beijing. More than 80 people attended the event, including Mr. Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Mr. Seri Setia Ir. Haji Suhaimi Bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Development of Brunei, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Jose Santiago L. Sta. Romana, Philippine Ambassador to China, Mr. Lui Tuck Yew, Singapore’s Ambassador to China, together with representatives from embassies of AMS in China and international organizations.
the event, the guests expressed their hope that this event would serve as a new starting point for regional cooperation to further explore the path of sustainable development and deepen cooperation in this field. The representatives from AMS and China jointly launched the 2021 ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation.

(2) Attended the China Forum on International Ecological Competitiveness 2021

On 25 June 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment Division (TID) of ACC, attended the China Forum on International Ecological Competitiveness 2021 held in Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province. Mr. He Wei, Vice Chairman of CPPCC attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech. Mrs. Gao Yan, Chairperson of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Mrs. Wu Zhongqiong, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Jiangxi Provincial Committee and Secretary-General of CPC Ganzhou Municipal Party Committee, Mr. Azymbakive Muratbek, Deputy Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Secretariat and other guests delivered speeches. Nearly 500 participants, including officials of Chinese administrative authorities and provincial governments, diplomatic envoys from Russia, the United States, Japan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Congo and other countries, as well as representatives of economic and trade institutions, international organizations and media in China attended the event.
The forum was one of the national and international platforms for ecological exchanges and cooperation in China, which has been successfully held ten times since 2008. The forum, with the theme of “Building Green Power, Sharing Ecological Dividend”, consisted of the opening ceremony, keynote speeches, parallel forums, docking discussions and field visits to Jiangxi green development bases. The list of the Most Ecological Competitiveness Cities 2021 was released at the forum.

(3) Attended the 2021 Taiyuan Energy Low Carbon Development Forum

On 3 September 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment Division (TID) of ACC, attended the 2021 Taiyuan Energy Low Carbon Development Forum in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province.

Approved by the State Council of China, the forum was co-hosted by the People’s Government of Shanxi Province together with 7 Chinese administrative authorities. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang attended the opening ceremony via video link, delivered a keynote speech and declared the opening of the forum. Foreign heads of state and government delivered video speeches. Ambassadors of Algeria, Denmark, Poland, Thailand and Uruguay to China attended the opening ceremony. More than 400 participants attended the event. Under the theme of “Energy, Climate, Environment”, government officials in charge of ecology, environment and energy, together with representatives of international organizations made keynote speeches on green development, energy transition and international cooperation. The first Report on the Contribution of Chinese Energy Enterprises to Low Carbon Development & Top 50 was released at the forum.

(4) Attended the 5th East Asia Summit Clean Energy Forum

On 25 November 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the 5th East Asia Summit Clean Energy Forum held in Beijing and delivered a speech at the “Special Event on Energy Cooperation for the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations”. Mr. Ren Jingdong, Deputy Director-General of National Energy Administration, Mr. Chen Shuping, Deputy Secretary-General of Sichuan Provincial Government, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, ministers of energy of ASEAN Member States (AMS) including Brunei, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Thailand, and representatives from international organizations including U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the International Renewable Energy Agency attended the event online. 50 representatives from Chinese government bodies, trade institutions and energy enterprises attended the offline forum. CCTV.com livestreamed the event.

As an important platform for clean
energy cooperation under the East Asia Summit mechanism, the forum, with the theme of “Boosting Green Recovery with High Proportion of Renewable Energy”, deeply explored regional cooperation approaches for sustainable green growth and low-carbon development from perspectives of comprehensive energy, hydropower sustainability, new energy technology as well as policy, finance, planning and industry. At the forum, Secretary-General Chen Dehai and the guests jointly attended the launch of Annual Achievements on ASEAN-China Clean Energy Cooperation and the ASEAN Wind Power Resources & Project Planning Software. They also witnessed the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between Dong Thanh 1V Wind Farm and PowerChina as well as the MoU between China Renewable Energy Engineering Institute and Asian Institute of Technology.

【3. Outcomes】

The theme of sustainable development cooperation is in line with the long-term development goals of ASEAN and China and the common interests for prosperity and stability of the region. It has received response and support of all countries in the region. Focused on the current development and prospects of sustainable development, those activities have set up beneficial platforms for exchanges and cooperation and contributed wisdom to promote sustainable development cooperation. They were well received by the governments, business circles and enterprises of both sides and raised constructive views and practical suggestions by ASEAN and Chinese enterprises, especially SMEs and MSMEs.

By participating in activities around the theme of the year of ASEAN-China cooperation, ACC not only promoted exchanges between the political and business sectors, but also deepened the public’s understanding of ASEAN-China all-round cooperation and promoted people-to-people understanding and exchanges. ACC strengthened its network with government departments and business circles of ASEAN and China, provided a platform to share ideas and practices in the building of the BRI, and tapped potentials for future cooperation for enterprises of both sides.

“Business and Investment Opportunities in ASEAN”—Introducing Trade and Investment Policies of ASEAN in China’s Local Provinces

【1. Background】

Both ASEAN and China are at an important period for further development and are embracing new opportunities in trade and investment. ASEAN enterprises are keen to know more about China’s economic policies and seek further business opportunities in China, while Chinese businessmen are keen to learn more about ASEAN markets. However, due to lack of information, many enterprises, especially the MSMEs of both sides, do not know where to start their business or whom they could cooperate with. To further boost the trade and investment relations between ASEAN and China, ACC worked with local Chinese governments and the Embassies of AMS in China to conduct activities promoting two-way trade and investment policies and business environment, aiming to help more enterprises of both sides, to make good use of favorable policies and develop the market of each other.

【2. Activities】

(1) Hosted Two-way Trade and Investment Promotion Activities in China
   a. Hosted the ASEAN-China (Shandong) Trade and Investment Promotion

On 28 May 2021, ACC hosted the ASEAN-China (Shandong) Trade and Investment Promotion with Shandong Provincial People’s Government in Jinan, Shandong Province. Nearly 200 people attended the offline activities, including officials from Shandong Provincial Government and diplomatic missions of AMS in China, and representatives from economic and trade organizations and companies of both sides. Pioneer enterprises shared their experiences and achievements in developing mutually beneficial cooperation. Representatives from AMS embassies in China had face-to-face exchanges and Q&A sessions with Shandong enterprises on
investment, business operation and admission to industrial parks. High-level officials in charge of economic, trade and investment cooperation from AMS embassies including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam promoted business environment and investment policies in AMS and looked forward to more practical cooperation between AMS and Chinese companies.

The promotion constituted an important part of the ASEAN-China (Shandong) SME Conference for Cooperation and Development. Through the “CCB Match Plus” platform, Shandong broadcast the entire event and organized online matchmaking and negotiations.

b. Co-hosted the 2021 International Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum in Beijing

On 8 July 2021, ACC co-hosted the 2021 International Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum with China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters (CCCMC) in Beijing. Around 200 participants attended the meeting, including representatives from AMS embassies in China, the Ministry of Commerce of China, China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation, experts and enterprise representatives. Mr. Jiang Hui, Chairman of CCCMC and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the forum.

With the theme of “Dialogue with the World, Share Joint Development”, the forum combined the opportunities and challenges of trade and commerce under RCEP in the post-pandemic era, and carried out in-depth discussions and exchanges on hot and difficult issues in the foreign trade industry. Officials from the embassies of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand in China introduced their economic development and foreign investment policies. Representatives from the Ministry of Commerce of
China and financial institutions analyzed the main rules of RCEP and the opportunities for its signatories, and shared with enterprises the latest economic and trade development, the future trend of exchange rates, the current international trade logistics and coping strategies and other issues of concern to enterprises.

c. Hosted the ASEAN-China (Henan) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar

On 19 July 2021, ACC hosted the ASEAN-China (Henan) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar with the Foreign Affairs Office and the Department of Commerce of Henan Province, and CCPIT Henan Sub-Council in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. Mr. He Jinping, Vice Governor of Henan Province, Mr. Wei Yan, Deputy Director-General of Asian Department of Ministry of Commerce of China, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mme. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended and addressed the seminar.

Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun and Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh praised the achievements of ASEAN-China bilateral economic, trade and investment cooperation and looked forward to further strengthening exchanges and cooperation with China, especially Henan Province, to achieve mutual benefits and win-win results. Officials in charge of economic, trade and investment cooperation from embassies and consulates of AMS in China, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand made presentations on the business environment and investment policies of AMS, and conducted in-depth exchanges with Henan enterprises. Heads of Department of Commerce of Henan Province, Zhengzhou Airport Economic Zone and Henan Zhoukou Port briefed on economic and social development, investment preferential policies and advantages of location and logistics of Henan Province.

During the stay in Henan Province, Secretary-General Chen Dehai and AMS participants exchanged in-depth views with Vice Governor He Jinping and Mayor Hou Hong of Zhengzhou on promoting the exchange and cooperation with AMS and Henan province.

(2) Promoted the Significance and Cooperation Opportunities of RCEP

a. Attended the Anhui and RCEP Local Governments Seminar in Hefei

On 18 December 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and delivered a keynote speech at the Seminar on Cooperation between Anhui Province and Local Governments of RCEP member states held in Hefei, Anhui Province. The seminar was co-organized by the Office of Foreign Affairs Commission of CPC Anhui Provincial Committee, the Foreign Affairs Office of Anhui Provincial Government, Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS) and Anhui University, aiming to help Anhui Province to build closer partnership with local governments of RCEP member states under the new domestic and international situation. About 150 representatives from Chinese ministries, foreign affairs offices of Chinese provinces and cities, research institutions as well as representatives of relevant
institutions, colleges, enterprises and media in Anhui Province attended the seminar.

b. Attended RCEP Cooperation Forum in Beijing

On 19 March 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, was invited to attend the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Cooperation Forum in Beijing. Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, and Mr. Muhammad Lutfi, Minister of Trade of Indonesia, delivered speeches online. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, diplomats from RCEP member states and representatives from relevant Chinese government institutions attended the forum and made remarks. Participants spoke highly of RCEP and expected it to take effect on schedule and benefit all parties. The forum also had in-depth discussions and exchanges on the effects of RCEP on agriculture, manufacture and other fields.

c. Attended the Seminar on Opportunities and Challenges of ASEAN-China Economic Development under RCEP in Shenzhen

On 8 April 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and addressed the Seminar on Opportunities and Challenges of ASEAN-China Economic Development under RCEP in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province. The Seminar was hosted by the China Merchants Group (CMG). More than 70 people attended the seminar, including former Chinese ambassadors to AMS and representatives of CMG. Based on ASEAN-China relations and the signing of RCEP, Mr. Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with Mr. Wang Chungui, Mr. Chai Xi and Mr. Guan Huabing, former Ambassadors of China to AMS, discussed the significance of RCEP and the opportunities and challenges it would bring for Chinese enterprises. They also offered CMG constructive suggestions on expanding its business in the Southeast Asian markets.

d. Attended the High-Level Forum for RCEP Economic and Trade Cooperation in Qingdao

On 25 April 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the High-level Forum for RCEP Economic and Trade Cooperation, co-hosted by China Chamber of International Commerce (CICOIC) and Qingdao Municipal People’s Government, in Qingdao, Shandong Province. About 200 people attended the forum. Mme. Gao Yan, Chairperson of CCPII and CICOIC, Mr. Zhao Haozhi, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Qingdao Municipal Committee and Mayor of Qingdao, and Mr. Wang Xiulin, Vice President of Shandong Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Ramon M. Lopez, Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines, and Mr. Sansern Samalapa, Vice Minister of Commerce of Thailand, delivered online remarks and expressed their confidence in RCEP to boost regional economic recovery and willingness to deepen cooperation with China in all respects.

Officials and representatives from the Ministry of Commerce of China, the General Administration of Customs of China, embassies of RCEP member states in China, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), and other national and international government institutions, business associations, international organizations and enterprises, as well as experts from academic institutions held discussions under the theme of “Sharing Opportunities for Recovery and Development”. The Qingdao Initiative on Jointly Promoting RCEP Regional Economic
e. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2021 RCEP Members International Trade Digital Expo

On 28 July 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and addressed the opening ceremony of 2021 RCEP Members International Trade Digital Expo, which was hosted by CCPIT in Beijing. Mr. Zhang Shenfeng, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Yang Xin, Charge d’affaires ad interim of the Embassy of China in Thailand, Mr. Kang Doho, Deputy Secretary-General of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) delivered speeches online and offline. Participants fully affirmed the positive role played by the digital economy in restoring normal economic order and promoting economic and trade cooperation and exchanges in the current period, and hoped that entrepreneurs from all exhibiting countries would actively negotiate and explore business opportunities for mutual benefits.

f. Attended the First RCEP (Shandong) Import Expo

On 20 October 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the First RCEP (Shandong) Import Expo held in Linyi, Shandong Province. The Expo was co-hosted by the Department of Commerce of Shandong Province, the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government and the Linyi Municipal People’s Government. Mr. Ji Binchang, Deputy Governor of Shandong Province attended the Expo and declared its opening. Representatives from RCEP member states expressed their expectation of early entry into force and fulfillment of RCEP to boost common regional prosperity, and of further deepening practical cooperation with China, particularly with Shandong Province in various fields. Nearly 300 representatives from diplomatic missions, chambers and associations of commerce, and economic and trade organizations of RCEP member states in China participated in the Expo and livestreaming of the ceremony boasted over 20,000 watchers.

With the theme of “new dynamic, new platform, new trade and new opportunities”, the Expo covered a total area of 25,300 square meters and consisted of opening ceremony, summit forum, international cooperation and exchange meetings, shopping festival for imported goods, the Friendly Shandong flash mob and other activities. Many well-known enterprises attended the Expo, including
(3) Co-hosted and Supported Large-scale Trade Fairs and Forums in China

a. Attended the 17th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

On 27 November 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the opening ceremony of the 17th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) and the 17th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (CABIS) in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Chinese President Xi Jinping made remarks via video at the opening ceremony. Mr. Yang Jiechi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission, delivered opening remarks. Video speeches were delivered by Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith of Lao PDR, Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of Cambodia, President Joko Widodo of Indonesia, President U Win Myint of Myanmar, President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha of Thailand, Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc of Viet Nam, President Dr. Arif Alvi of Pakistan (special partner country) and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi. After the opening ceremony, Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited ACC and AMS booths, and participated in the Opening Ceremony of the Indonesia Pavilion.

On 28 November 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the 10th Anniversary Forum on the Full Establishment of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of China. High-level officials of AMS, the ASEAN Secretariat and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region attended the forum. In the video remarks, Ministers of AMS gave high praise on the achievements of ASEAN-China cooperation in the past ten years since the establishment of the CAFTA. Suggestions were also put forward to make better use of FTA, deepen bilateral economic and trade cooperation, accelerate regional economic integration, and promote the regional and global economic recovery. Secretary-
General Chen Dehai delivered a speech in the session of “CAFTA Upgrading and Practical Actions”, calling on ASEAN and China to create more new cooperation highlights in the fields including smart city, 5G, AI, e-commerce, big data, block chain and tele-medicine for joint cooperation building the “Digital Silk Road”.

On 28 November 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai also attended and addressed the Regional Industrial Symbiosis Chain of Petroleum and Chemical Industry Forum.

b. Co-hosted the China-Southeast Asia (Myanmar) International Trade Digital Expo

From 2 to 10 December 2020, ACC co-hosted the China-Southeast Asia (Myanmar) International Trade Digital Expo with CCPIT. Mr. Zhang Shaogang, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended and addressed the online opening ceremony. The Expo was a concrete action to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Myanmar. It was a practical initiative to work together for the China-Myanmar community with a shared future. It was also a good opportunity to tackle COVID-19 and promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the two sides.

c. Co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Shandong) SME Conference for Cooperation and Development

On 28 May 2021, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Shandong) SME Conference for Cooperation and Development with Shandong Provincial People’s Government in Jinan, Shandong Province. More than 200 people attended the offline activities, including officials from Shandong provincial government, diplomatic missions of AMS in China and representatives from economic and trade organizations and companies of both sides. The live-stream of the opening ceremony online received over 26,000 visits.

Mr. Liu Jiayi, Secretary of the CPC Shandong Provincial Committee, attended the conference. Mr. Li Ganjie, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Shandong Provincial Committee and Governor of Shandong Province, Mme. Khek M. Caimealy, Head of the Delegation of diplomatic missions and Ambassador of Cambodia to China, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia, Mr. Raja Nushirwan
Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia, Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the opening ceremony. Mr. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Deng Xijun, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN and Mrs. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, former President of the Philippines, made online speeches. In their speeches, AMS Ambassadors showed strong confidence in deepening all-around cooperation between ASEAN and China and looked forward to strengthening practical cooperation in multiple ways with China and Shandong.

The ASEAN-Shandong (Dezhou) SME Alliance and the Shandong-ASEAN Research Center were unveiled at the conference. Dezhou Municipal People’s Government and ACC signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Enhancing Two-Way Exchanges. 19 projects in such fields as imports and exports, investment cooperation and financial support were signed on site with a total amount of more than RMB 27 billion yuan. Under the theme of “Prospects and Opportunities: ASEAN-China SME Cooperation and Development in the Context of RCEP”, the conference consisted of the opening ceremony, ASEAN-China Trade and Investment Promotion, Business-match Meeting, photo exhibition of AMS and their interactions with Shandong and field visits to Jinan, Dezhou, Jining and Tai’an.

d. Attended the 12th Central China Investment and Trade Exposition

On 21 May 2021, Mr. He Fei, Deputy Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, attended the 12th Central China Investment and Trade Exposition in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province. Chinese Vice-Premier Hu Chunhua, also a member of the
Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, attended the opening ceremony and delivered a keynote speech. Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius addressed the audience via video. Mr. Lou Yangsheng, Secretary of the CPC Shanxi Provincial Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Shanxi Provincial People’s Congress, Mr. Wang Shouwen, Vice Minister of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative, and other VIP guests attended the opening ceremony and delivered welcome remarks. The governors of 6 provinces of Central China, including Hunan, Henan, Hubei, Anhui, Jiangxi and Shanxi, delivered speeches at the keynote forum. Representatives of China’s ministries, provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, senior officials from foreign countries, diplomatic envoys in China, representatives of international organizations, heads of business associations, experts and scholars, and business representatives attended the opening ceremony and keynote forum.

e. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 27th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair

On 8 July 2021, ACC representatives attended the Opening Ceremony of the 27th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair and the High-Level Forum on the Silk Road Cooperation and Development in Lanzhou, Gansu Province. About 300 participants attended the opening ceremony. Mr. Zheng Jianbang, Vice Chairman of CPPCC and Executive Vice Chairman of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Committee of the Chinese Kuomintang (RCCK), announced the opening of the 27th Fair. Mr. Yin Hong, Secretary of the CPC Gansu Provincial Committee and Director of the Standing Committee of Gansu Provincial People’s Congress, Mr. Wang Shouwen, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China and Deputy China International Trade Representative, and Mr. Zhao Yide, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee and Governor of Shaanxi, as the Province of Honor, addressed the opening ceremony. Diplomatic envoys to China, representatives from Chinese state-owned enterprises and well-known scholars delivered keynote speeches at the High-Level Forum.

With the theme of “Deepen Economic and Trade Cooperation, Co-build the Green Silk Road”, this year’s fair was held both online and offline, focusing on the building of the BRI and the new dual circulations development pattern, so as to promote economic and trade exchanges between countries and regions along the BRI routes and the central and western regions of China.

f. Attended the 18th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

On 10 September 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the opening ceremony of the 18th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) and the 18th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (CABIS) in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter to the event. Chinese Vice-President Wang Qishan attended the opening ceremony and delivered a keynote speech. Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister
Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Lao Prime Minister Phankham Viphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob, Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Le Van Thanh, Pakistani President Arif Alvi as the Invited Partner, and ASEAN Secretary-General Lim Jock Hoi delivered video speeches.

With the theme of “sharing opportunities created by the new land-sea corridor, building the China-ASEAN community with a shared future”, 17 high-level forums were held during this year’s session, carrying out in-depth and extensive exchanges on hot topics such as RCEP, science and technology, capacity cooperation, statistics, finance, electric power and so on, and promoting the establishment of ASEAN-China mechanisms and the implementation of projects.

g. Attended the Commemorative Event Marking the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations & ASEAN-China Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum 2021

On 11 September 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the Commemorative Event Marking the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations & ASEAN-China Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum 2021 in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

More than 300 people attended the forum, including Mr. Lan Tianli, Chairman of the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Ren Hongbin, Vice Minister of Commerce of China, Dato Dr. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office & Competent Minister of Finance and Economy of Brunei as ASEAN rotating Chair, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, heads of trade and economic authorities of AMS, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to China, Mrs. Khamphao Ernhavanh, Ambassador of Laos PDR, Mr. Raja Nushirwan, Ambassador of Malaysia, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar, Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand, Mr. Pham Sao Mai, Ambassador of Viet Nam and representatives from AMS embassies and consulates in China, as well as senior officials of international institutions, well-known economists and business leaders. Under the theme of “Hand in hand to promote China-ASEAN economic and trade cooperation to new success”, heads of economic and trade departments of AMS and China delivered video speeches. The participants also witnessed the official release of the ASEAN-China Import and Export Trade Index.
(4) Supported Promotion Activities of AMS and Local Provinces of China

a. Attended the Indonesia-China Investment Business Forum 2020

On 9 December 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC attended the Indonesia-China Investment Business Forum 2020 held in Beijing. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Arief Hartawan, Head of Representative Office of the Indonesian Central Bank in Beijing, together with nearly 100 participants from the Indonesian diplomatic missions in China, Chinese and Indonesian business associations and enterprises as well as international organizations attended the forum. With the theme of “Doing Business with Wonderful Indonesia”, the forum aimed to promote investment opportunities of Indonesia and further strengthen economic, trade and investment cooperation between Indonesia and China.

b. Attended the Special Event of “Presenting Hubei Province to the World”

On 12 April 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the Special Event of Presenting Hubei Province to the World in Beijing. The event was co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and Hubei Provincial People’s Government with the theme “Heroic Hubei: Reborn for New Glories”. Mr. Wang Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, attended and addressed the event. Mr. Ying Yong, Secretary of the CPC Hubei Provincial Committee, and Mr. Wang Zhonglin, Secretary of the CPC Wuhan Municipal Committee, said that Hubei and Wuhan have recovered from the epidemic and are opening arms to welcome all-round exchanges and cooperation with all countries to share development opportunities and create a better future. Foreign Diplomats in China expressed their appreciation for the achievements made by Hubei and Wuhan in fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic and in boosting the economic recovery. They also expressed willingness to further strengthen exchanges and cooperation between their countries and Hubei or Wuhan.
c. Visited the Online Exhibition “This is Indonesia” of Hannover Messe 2021

On 12 April 2021, ACC was invited to visit the online exhibition “This Is Indonesia”. As the partner country of Hannover Messe 2021, Indonesia organized 156 exhibitors to participate in the digital edition of the event. With the theme of “Making Indonesia 4.0” and the tagline of “Connect to Accelerate”, the partner country online exhibition promoted ten national priorities including improving flow of goods and materials, redesigning industrial zones, building a national digital infrastructure, attracting foreign investment, developing innovation ecosystem and motivating technology investment. It also encouraged people to forge synergy to support Indonesia 4.0 and welcomed other countries’ participation for better connectivity and common development.

d. Attended the 2021 Indonesia Business Investment Forum

On 27 May 2021, ACC representatives attended the 2021 Indonesia Business Investment Forum online. Under the theme of “Seizing opportunities: Food Processing Industry in Indonesia”, the forum was jointly hosted by the Consulate-General of Indonesia in Shanghai and the Bank Indonesia (BI). About 150 people attended the forum, including government bodies, business associations and enterprises of Indonesia and China. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China and Mr. Dody Budi Waluyo, Deputy Governor of BI, delivered opening remarks. Other speakers briefed on Indonesia’s economic development, investment environment, current situation of foreign investment, development of food processing industry and Indonesia-China economic and trade cooperation.

e. Signed Memorandum of Cooperation with Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Province

On 27 May 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Mr. Cai Xianjin, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government, signed the Memorandum of Cooperation on behalf of the two sides in Jinan, Shandong Province. According to the memorandum, the two sides will establish an effective long-term communication mechanism and jointly promote the friendly exchanges and practical cooperation between Shandong province and AMS in the fields of trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media.

f. Signed Memorandum of Cooperation with CCPIT Guangxi Committee

On 6 July 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Mr. Wei Ran, Chairman of CCPIT Guangxi Committee, signed the Memorandum of Cooperation on behalf of the two sides in Beijing. Both sides agreed to strengthen communication on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, to actively participate in the promotion of ACFTA and the construction of New Land-Sea Corridor relying
on the ASEAN-China Business and Investment Summit (CABIS), and jointly promote the deepening of economic and trade cooperation between Guangxi and AMS as well as the development of the open economy of Guangxi.

g. Attended the Collective Signing Ceremony of Contracts of Trade in Services and New Products Releasing Conference of Gansu Province

On 3 September 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the Collective Signing Ceremony of Contracts of Trade in Services and New Products Releasing Conference of Gansu Province in Beijing.

The event was hosted by the People’s Government of Gansu Province, and co-organized by ACC. Mr. Zhang Jingang, Vice Governor of Gansu Province, and Ms. Yuan Haiying, representative of the Ministry of Commerce of China, attended the event and delivered remarks. The signing ceremony involves 22 projects with a total investment volume of 119 million US Dollars related to cultural and tourism services, Chinese medicine, digital services and technical services.

h. Attended the China (Fujian) - Indonesia Green Economic Cooperation Promotion Conference

On 8 September 2021, Mr. Guo Chuangwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the China (Fujian) - Indonesia Green Economic Cooperation Promotion Conference in Xiamen, Fujian Province. The conference was hosted by the Department of Commerce of Fujian Province, the Consulate General of Indonesia in Guangzhou, and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Xiamen Committee. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Huang Dezhi, Deputy Director General of the Department of Commerce of Fujian Province, and Mr. Huang Qizhong, vice chairman of CCPIT Xiamen Committee delivered remarks at the event.

The conference was held both online
and offline. Focused on key areas including recycling economy, steel investment and new energy, the event promoted investment environment, preferential policies and key investment projects related to industrial parks of Fujian and Indonesia, in order to enhance the connectivity of industrial parks and enterprises and deepen the cooperation in green economy.

i. Co-hosted the 11th China (Sichuan)-South and Southeast Asia Business Leaders Summit

On 15 September 2021, ACC co-hosted the 11th China (Sichuan)-South and Southeast Asia Business Leaders Summit with CCPIT, People’s Government of Sichuan Province and SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Mr. Deng Xiaogang, Deputy Secretary of CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee, Mr. Ke Liangdong, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, attended the opening ceremony and jointly launched the South Asia-China Business Council Sichuan Liaison Office. Mr. Iftikhar Ali Malik, President of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and Mr. Moin hl Haque, Ambassador of Pakistan to China, the guest of honor, delivered video speeches. More than 300 representatives from 22 embassies and consulates, business associations, trade and investment promotion institutions from 15 South and Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, as well as representatives of relevant industries in Sichuan Province attended the event online and offline.

With the theme of “Opportunities, Connection and Cooperation”, the event consisted of the Leaders Summit, the Annual Congress of China-Pakistan Business Council, Opportunities and Investment Environment Promotion Conference, South and Southeast Asia Commodities Exhibition, photo exhibition and other supporting activities. It aimed to jointly discuss RCEP, the channel building and integrated development under the new opportunity of Chengdu-Chongqing Twin City Economic Circle, so as to promote the opening-up and cooperation to the South and Southeast Asia.

j. Attended the Business Sub-forum of China Xinjiang Development Forum

On 15 November 2021, invited by the Trade Development Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the Industrial and Business Sub-forum of China Xinjiang Development Forum held in Beijing. Guests including Mr. Jean Louise Robinson Richard, Madagascar Ambassador to China, Mr. Ilhan Osman, Commissioner of Department of Commerce of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region attended the event and made speech. Representatives from Embassy of Azerbaijan, South Africa, Mongolia and Pakistan, and representatives from People’s Government of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, business associations and enterprises from Xinjiang made remarks.

The forum was hosted by the State Council Information Office
of China. Themed with “Deepening Economic and Trade Cooperation and Sharing Development Achievement”, the Industrial and Business Sub-forum aimed to introduce economic achievement of Xinjiang and further improve Xinjiang’s level of international trade.

【3. Outcomes】

These activities have built bridges between ASEAN and China, laying a stable foundation for business matching, and facilitating easier access to each other’s market. By providing channels to understand each other’s trade and investment policies, these activities tapped up opportunities for ASEAN and Chinese business communities to interact directly with government officials in charge of economic affairs of both sides, and encouraged them to invest in each other’s market.

By attending and supporting activities in local provinces, autonomous regions and cities of China, ACC helped ASEAN participants get first-hand information on the local business environment. Meanwhile, ACC helped local provinces and regions in China, especially those inland to improve opening-up by reviving up publicity of local business environment, building more two-way trade and investment platforms and empowering the SMEs and MSMEs to make good use of preferential policies.

The programme, “Business and Investment Opportunities in ASEAN” - Introducing Trade and Investment Policies of ASEAN in China’s Local Provinces, is proved to be an effective way to promote trade and investment cooperation between ASEAN and China, and is warmly welcomed by the governments and business circles of both sides.

Strengthening ASEAN-China Sectoral Cooperation

【1. Background】

The upgraded ACFTA and RCEP have brought new opportunities to ASEAN-China economic cooperation. The leaders of ASEAN and China have reached important consensus on enhancing the liberalization and facilitation of bilateral trade and investment. In this connection, it is important to explore more effective ways and platforms to market ASEAN and China’s featured products, establish connections among governments, sectoral associations and business circles and provide authoritative information on trade and investment opportunities of both sides. In order to tap the potential and promote cooperation in different industries, ACC organized and participated in a series of activities focusing on regional common interest such as innovation-driven and digital economy, sustainable development, connectivity, blue economy, regional integration, poverty reduction, as well as empowerment of MSMEs and service industries to promote ASEAN-China economic cooperation.

【2. Activities】

(1) Organized Representatives of Embassies of AMS and Business Community to Visit Leading Enterprises and Demonstration Zones in China

a. Visited the China-ASEAN Information Harbor Co., Ltd.

On 26 November 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, together with Mr. Dino Rachmadiana Kusnadi, Deputy Chief of Mission of Indonesian Embassy in China, Ms. Yenni Thamrin, Chairman of Indonesian Diaspora
Network-China visited the China-ASEAN Information Harbor Co., Ltd. (CAIH) upon invitation. The visitors had an in-depth discussion with senior officials of the CAIH on strengthening exchanges and deepening ASEAN-China digital economy cooperation in various fields to jointly advance the regional digitalization process.

b. Organized AMS Embassies’ Officials to Visit Kuaishou Technology

On 23 March 2021, ACC organized a visit to the Headquarter of Beijing Kuaishou Technology Co., Ltd. for officials from embassies of AMS, including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. Guided by Kuaishou commentator, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, directors of ACC and officials of AMS embassies visited the Kuaishou hall and the virtual showroom. Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun’s experience in live streaming and avatar character made the visit quite convivial. Officials from AMS embassies communicated with Kuaishou on the company’s current cooperation with AMS, competitive products and technologies as well as the prospect in ASEAN markets.

c. Organized the Visits of AMS Diplomatic Envoys to Zhengzhou and Luoyang

From 18 to 21 July 2021, ACC organized the diplomatic envoys of AMS including Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mme. Khampheo Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, and senior officials of embassies and consulates-general of AMS in China who attended the ASEAN-China (Henan) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar to visit Zhengzhou and Luoyang in Henan Province.

During the stay in Zhengzhou, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and AMS diplomats exchanged views in depth with Mr. He Jinping, Vice Governor of Henan Province and Mme. Hou Hong, Mayor of Zhengzhou, on promoting the exchange and cooperation between AMS and Henan province. All participants visited Zhengzhou Area of China (Henan) Pilot Free Trade Zone, Zhengzhou International Hub, Wanbang International Group, new energy factory of Zhengzhou Yutong Bus, the ASEAN food and fruit import base as well as the Henan Provincial Museum.

During the stay in Luoyang City, Mr. Jiang Ling, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Henan Provincial Committee and Secretary of CPC Luoyang
Municipal Committee, Mr. Xu Yixian, Deputy Secretary of CPC Luoyang Municipal Committee and Acting Mayor of Luoyang exchanged views with AMS guests respectively. Mme. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, expressed sympathy and solicitude for the people affected by the torrential rain disaster in Henan Province and admiration for the Chinese government’s emergency management capability. She hoped that ACC could organize more activities to promote ASEAN-China friendly cooperation for mutual benefit and win-win results. Secretary-General Chen Dehai expressed that ACC is willing to join hand with Luoyang for continuously deepening the friendly cooperation with AMS in all fields.

The AMS guests visited the Yituo Group Co., LTD., CITIC Heavy Industries Co., LTD., and historical and cultural sites including the ancient Luoyi City, White Horse Temple and Luoyang Peony Porcelain Museum. They made peony porcelain by hand and were deeply impressed by Henan’s long history, unique culture and advanced manufacturing industry.

d. Assisted in Inviting ASEAN Diplomats in China to Attend the 2021 World Internet Conference Wuzhen Summit

On 26 September 2021, ACC representatives attended the 2021 World Internet Conference Wuzhen Summit held in Wuzhen, Zhejiang Province. As the special supporter of the event “Dialogue on China-ASEAN Information Harbor”, ACC assisted in inviting ASEAN Diplomats in China to attend the event. The “Dialogue on China-ASEAN Information Harbor” was hosted by the Cyberspace Administration of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region with the theme of “Jointly Build the Digital Silk Road, Share the Benefits of Digital Economy”. Mr. Zhao Zeliang, Vice Minister of Cyberspace Administration of China, Mr. Qin Rupei, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Guangxi Committee and Executive Vice Governor of
the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. Ministers of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Malaysia in charge of digital economy delivered video speeches, evaluated the achievements of the China-ASEAN Information Harbor, shared digital economy prospects and put forward suggestions for deepening cooperation. AMS diplomats together with Chinese government officials, experts, scholars and entrepreneurs had in-depth discussions on taking the initiative in building the China-ASEAN Information Harbor and promoting practical cooperation in digital economy and the digital silk road. The CAIH Smartlink Platform and the China-ASEAN Cross-border Medical Cooperation Platform were launched at the event, aiming to meet with the demands for social and economic digitization in AMS for local cooperation.

(2) Co-hosted and Participated in Specialized Trade Exhibitions and Forums to Strengthen Cooperation in Industry Sectors

a. Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Information Harbor Digital Silk Road Industry Cooperation Forum

On 25 November 2020, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China Information Harbor Digital Silk Road Industry Cooperation Forum with the Development and Reform Commission of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Guangxi Cyberspace Administration in Nanning. Mr. Liu Hongwu, Vice Governor of the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, together with ministers and counsellors of AMS embassies in China, Chinese digital economy experts, scholars and entrepreneurs, approximately about 150 people attended the activities.

Representatives from the digital economy or ICT authorities of AMS made video remarks, expressing the willingness to promote regional digital economy cooperation for win-win development. With the theme of “Digital Silk Road, the Road Ahead”, the forum aimed to build a mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation platform, promote the ASEAN-China digital economy industry cooperation and digital silk road, and create a new engine for economic development of both ASEAN and China.

b. Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Digital Economy Development Cooperation Forum 2021

On 16 July 2021, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China Digital Economy Development and Cooperation Forum 2021 with the Centre for International Economic and Technological Cooperation of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China (CIECT of MITT) and Wuhan Municipal People’s Government in Wuhan, Hubei Province. More than 500 participants attended the opening ceremony. Mr. Xu Kemin, Chief Economist of MITT, Vice Governor of Hubei Province, Mr. Zhang Shu, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Wuhan Municipal Committee, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Mr. Ni Guangnan, Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, attended the forum and delivered remarks. Mr. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community, Mr. Deng Xijun, Ambassador of China to ASEAN, and heads of digital economy authorities of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Thailand addressed the forum via video.

The forum aimed to deepen ASEAN-China practical cooperation in digital economy and enhance Wuhan Metropolitan Area’s opening-up. With the theme of “Sharing New Digital Opportunities and Exploring a New Future of Cooperation”, the forum consisted of the Opening Ceremony & ASEAN-China Digital Economy Partnership Forum, and four sub-forums themed on digital infrastructure inter-connectivity, AI scenarios and applications, cross-border E-commerce and digital trade and digital industry cooperation. During
the stay in Wuhan, Mr. Chen Dehai attended the meeting between Mr. Cheng Yongwen, Deputy Secretary of Wuhan Municipal Committee and Mayor of Wuhan and participants of the forum, and visited the Wuhan East Lake High-tech Development Zone and Hubei Provincial Museum together with AMS diplomatic envoys in China.

c. Attended the “Light of CETC” of 2020 World Internet Conference

On 23 November 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the “Light of CETC” of 2020 World Internet Conference held in CETC Wuzhen Base, Zhejiang Province. Ambassadors and representatives of more than 10 embassies in China attended the event and interacted in the salon sessions. Mr. Guo Chuanwei made remarks at the “Smart City Development Helping to Build the Digital Silk Road” session.

d. Attended the ASEAN-China Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation Forum

On 27 November 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the ASEAN-China Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation Forum held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The forum was co-hosted by the National Development and Reform Commission of China (NDRC) and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Qin Rupei, Executive Vice-chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Ning Jizhe, Vice Chairman of NDRC and Commissioner of the National Bureau of Statistics of China, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir, Ambassador of Brunei to China, Mme. Khek M. Caimealy, Ambassador of Cambodia, Mr. Djauhari
Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia, and Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia, together with officials of AMS embassies and consulates-general in China participated in the forum.

With the theme of “Deepen Production Capacity Cooperation, Address Common Challenges”, the forum aimed to find better solutions for the challenge of COVID-19, further deepen ASEAN-China capacity cooperation, and promote regional economic recovery under the “Belt and Road” framework.

e. Participated in the Virtual Indonesian Coffee Promotion 2021

On 26 February 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the Virtual Indonesian Coffee Promotion 2021. Mr. Teuku Faizasyah, Director-General of Information and Public Diplomacy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, together with representatives of Indonesian enterprises in China and Chinese import and export agents delivered speeches. Nearly 100 representatives from Indonesian government departments, diplomatic missions in China, business associations and enterprises were present online. 11 Indonesian coffee manufacturers promoted their products.

f. Attended the 11th ASEAN-China Mining Cooperation Forum & Exhibition

On 20 May 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 11th ASEAN-China Mining Cooperation Forum & Exhibition (CAMCF) in Nanning. The event was co-hosted by the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Ministry of Natural Resources of China. Mr. Huang Shiyong, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Guangxi and Vice Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Ling Yueming, Vice Minister of Natural Resources of China, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, and Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, attended the event and delivered remarks. About 500 people attended the forum, including representatives of AMS embassies and consulates-general in China, international institutions and business associations.

g. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 12th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire & Auto Accessory Exhibition

On 8 September 2021, ACC representatives attended the Opening Ceremony of the 12th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire & Auto Accessory Exhibition online. The event was co-hosted by CCPIT and the People’s Government of Shandong Province. Mr.
Zhang Shenfeng, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, Mr. Luis Diego Monsalve, Ambassador of Colombia to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Sittikorn Chantadansuwan, Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of Thailand in China, together with other guests attended the event online and delivered video speeches. Themed on “Build Renowned Brands for a Win-win Prospect”, the exhibition consisted of the opening ceremony, overseas promotions of tiers and auto parts, online exhibition, live-streaming promotion and forums. Over 700 exhibitors of China and foreign countries participated in the online exhibition.

h. Attended the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Industrial Cooperation and ASEAN-China Industrial Chain, Supply Chain, and Value Chain Integrated Development Forum

On 10 September 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Industrial Cooperation and ASEAN-China Industrial Chain, Supply Chain, and Value Chain Integrated Development Forum in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mme. Xu Xiaolan, Vice Minister of MIIT, Mr. Fei Zhirong, Vice Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Myanmar Ambassador to China, together with other distinguished guests attended the opening ceremony and made keynote speeches. Prince Norodom Sirivudh, former Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia, Mr. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN, and Mr. Deng Xijun, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, delivered video speeches. Diplomats of AMS embassies participated in the dialogue and exchanged views on broadening new spaces for international cooperation. Over 300 representatives from Chinese government bodies, People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, diplomatic mission of ASEAN member states in China, trade organizations and enterprises took part in the event. Admission to the online live-streaming accessed 60,000.

Themed with “Promote Cooperation in Industrial Chains and Integrate into the New Development Paradigm”, the forum consisted of three sub-forums, focusing on cooperation in industrial and supply chains innovation, equipment manufacturing, cooperation in biomedicine and health manufacturing. At the forum, an ASEAN-China Trans-regional Cross-board Industrial and Supply Chain Cooperation Platform was established. The Belt and Road Industry & Information & Communication Technology Think Tank Association was inaugurated. 36 BRI international industrial cooperation projects were signed, with a total value of RMB 20 billion yuan.

i. Attended the 2021 Beibu Gulf International Gateway Port Cooperation Summit & ASEAN-China Port City Cooperation Network Forum

On 11 September 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 2021 Beibu Gulf International Gateway Port Cooperation Summit & ASEAN-China Port City Cooperation Network Forum in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Zhao Chongjiu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Transport of China, Datuk Seri Wee Ka Siong, Minister of Transport of Malaysia, and Mr.
Chayatan Phromsorn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of Thailand, delivered video remarks. About 200 representatives from Chinese government bodies, local provinces and cities, Consulates General of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Singapore and Vietnam in Nanning and Guangzhou, international organizations, business associations and enterprises attended the forum.

Speakers exchanged views on new opportunities, ideas and models of “jointly developing the new international land-sea trade corridors for sharing opportunities” and “promoting high-quality construction of Beibu Gulf international gateway port for common progress”. The 14th Five-Year Plan Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and China COSCO Shipping Corporation and the Initiative of ASEAN-China Multimodal Transport Alliance were released. The unveiling of ASEAN-China Multimodal Transport Service Center, the maiden voyage ceremony of “Qinzhou Port - Chittagong Port” South Asia Channel of China COSCO Shipping Corporation, and the signing ceremony of related projects were held during the forum.

j. Attended the Symposium on International Cooperation of Smart Cities

On 13 October 2021, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), was invited to participate in the Symposium on International Cooperation of Smart Cities in Beijing, hosted by Ningbo Municipal Bureau of Big Data Development and Management and Ningbo Municipal Economic and Information Technology Bureau, and co-organized by the China Centre for Urban Development.

Representatives from the Department of Innovation and High-Tech Development of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China, Financial Consumer Protection Bureau of the People’s Bank of China, the Centre for International Economic and Technological Cooperation of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) and the Planning Research Institute of China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), Ningbo Municipal Bureau of Big Data Development and Management, as well as experts and enterprise representatives from the University of International Business and Economics, the Central University of Finance and Economics, Tencent Research Institute, Ali Cloud, and China-ASEAN Information Harbor Co., Ltd. attended the
Ms. Wang Hongliu said that ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China are developing countries, uphold the development philosophy of innovation, coordination, green, openness and sharing, taking people’s aspiration for a better life as their common pursuit. Most AMS show a potential in the development of smart cities, thus bearing great opportunities for their cooperation with China. ACC actively promotes the development ASEAN-China digital economy and smart city cooperation, willing to continue to help both sides drive high-quality development with innovation and achieve mutual benefit and win-win cooperation.

At the symposium, the government officials, experts, scholars and enterprise representatives deeply analyzed the development trend of Chinese and global smart cities, fully exchanging typical cases of international cooperation of Chinese smart cities, further discussing key areas and policy support in ASEAN and other regions.

k. Attended the iFLYTEK 1024 Global Developer Festival

On 25 October 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) delivered a video speech at the iFLYTEK 1024 Global Developer Festival which was held in Hefei, Anhui Province. The event was co-hosted by Anhui Provincial Economic and Information Department and Hefei Municipal People’s Government with the theme of “Symbiosis with AI•A New Journey”, aiming to build Anhui Province into a highland of artificial intelligence and technological innovation.

Mr. Wang Qingxian, Governor of Anhui Province addressed the festival and declared its opening. Mr. Yu Aihua, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Anhui Provincial Committee and Secretary of CPC Hefei Municipal Committee, Mr. He Shushan and Mr. Zhang Hongwen, Vice Governors of Anhui Province attended the opening ceremony. Mr. Chen Dehai pointed out that the year 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. Both sides will foster more opportunities for cooperation in smart city, artificial intelligence (AI) and big data. ACC will continue to promote the Chinese high-tech enterprises like iFLYTEK to AMS and facilitate the in-depth development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

l. Attended the 10+3 Digital Economy Innovation Forum

On 8 December 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment Division (TID) of ACC, attended and delivered remarks at the ASEAN plus China, Japan and ROK (10+3) Digital Economy Innovation Forum in Kunming, Yunnan Province. The Forum was jointly hosted by the Department of Industry and Information Technology of Yunnan Province, Yunnan Communications Administration (YCA) and China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT). Mr. Yu Zhicheng, Deputy Director-General of the International Department of MIIT, Mr. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia, officials of the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand and the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia, as well as representatives from the Embassy of Japan in China and telecommunication industry of Japan and ROK attended the forum online and offline. Around 400 representatives from Yunnan Provincial Government, Consulates-General of ASEAN Member States (AMS) in Kunming, relevant research institutions as well as enterprises attended the forum offline.

Themed “Innovation, Achievement, Future”, the forum conducted exchanges on 5G Innovation and Practice, Digital Infrastructure Innovation, and Digital Economy Application and Innovation, aiming to promote the overall docking of digital economy industrial chains and build a new pattern of regional digital industry cooperation. Speakers called for further regional cooperation and higher
level of integrative development of regional digital industry for the welfare of the people in the region. During the forum, the Awarding Ceremony of 10+3 Digital Economy Innovation Awards was held. 26 outstanding projects were shortlisted for the finals from nearly 200 digital domain entries submitted by 10+3 in the sectors of industry, agriculture, health care, education, electricity, energy and information communication. The Launch Ceremony of “Set Sail” Yunnan Action Plan for 5G Application and signing of relevant projects were also held at the site.

m. Attended the 4th China-ASEAN Industrial Design & Innovation Forum

On 8 December 2021, representative of ACC attended the 4th China-ASEAN Industrial Design & Innovation Forum in Liuzhou, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The forum was co-hosted by the Municipal People’s Government of Liuzhou and the ASEAN-China Centre. Mr. Wu Wei, Secretary of the CPC Liuzhou Municipal Committee, and Mr. Zhang Zhuang, Mayor of Liuzhou, attended the event. Mr. Sandiaga Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia, and Mr. Danuch Tantertid, Vice Minister for Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation of Thailand, delivered video speeches. Nearly 100 representatives from domestic design companies, universities, and media participated in the forum, and other 300 attendees joined the forum online.

Under the theme of “Assisting the Joint Construction of a Regional Center for ASEAN-China Science Innovation”, guests
of the forum held discussions on how to accelerate the transformation and application of scientific and technological innovation achievements, in order to inject strong impetus into high-quality industrial development in the post-pandemic era, and increase the value of industrial manufactured products through innovation.

(3) Participated in Activities Organized by International and Regional Organizations, Think Tanks and Others
   
a. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd Intake of CKGSB ASEAN New Economy Leadership Programme
   
On 20 November 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the 2nd Intake of Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB) ASEAN New Economy Leadership Programme in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province. The programme lasted for one year, consisting of classroom learnings in Shenzhen and Shanghai campuses, with the aim to provide face-to-face communication platforms for entrepreneurs of both sides and further explore opportunities for investment and cooperation.

b. Attended Activities of Guangdong High-Tech Industry Chamber
   
On 20 November 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and addressed the inauguration ceremony of the Guangdong Science & Technology Achievements Exhibition and Cooperation Centre hosted by the Guangdong High-Tech Industry
Chamber and relevant institutions. The Exhibition and Cooperation Centre aimed to build a new market and an internal circulation development of the Chamber of Commerce, encouraging its 6,000 plus members to support each other.

c. Attended the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) SME Seminar on Coastal City Emergency Industry

On 27 November 2020, ACC representatives attended the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) SME Seminar on Coastal City Emergency Industry which was hosted by China Centre for Promotion of SME Development in Beijing. About 50 participants attended the event. Scholars from China, Japan and Thailand introduced the role played by the internet in combating COVID-19 and the ways to fully utilize the resources to develop emergency industry. Participants from chambers of commerce and associations as well as enterprises shared experiences and cases to promote SME development and APT creative cooperation.

d. Attended the 8th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific

On 11 December 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, participated in the 8th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific. The Forum was hosted by the Center of Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific online. Experts and representatives from Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), World Food Program (WFP), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Chinese Academy of Social Science, Qinghai Provincial Government of China, Alibaba and etc. attended the event.

Participants briefed on their efforts made by relevant organizations to protect food safety, provide nutrition for the vulnerable, preserve biological diversity and enhance food production quality control. They also shared experiences on ensuring food circulation logistics during the epidemic and had fruitful discussion on how to coordinate food safety and biological diversity.

e. Held Discussion with Entrepreneurs of the CKGSB ASEAN New Economy Leadership Programme

On 25 February 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, was invited to hold a discussion with entrepreneurs of the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB) ASEAN New Economy Leadership Programme in Beijing. Mr. Guo Chuanwei briefed on the ASEAN-China economic and trade relations and the responsibilities of ACC, encouraging the entrepreneurs to develop ASEAN markets by focusing on digital economy, sustainable development and other regional common interests. The entrepreneurs
exchanged learning experience and expressed willingness to participate in the trade and investment promotion activities organized by ACC, and develop ASEAN markets together in the spirit of win-win cooperation.

f. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the Special 13th International Roundtable of Multinational Corporations’ Leaders

On 18 March 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the opening ceremony of the Special 13th International Roundtable of Multinational Corporations’ Leaders in Beijing. Themed with “An Open China and the World”, the conference was co-hosted by China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations and relevant UN organizations.

Mr. Shang Fulin, Chairman of the Subcommittee of Economy of CPPCC, presided over the opening ceremony. Mr. Du Qinglin, member of the Secretariat of the 18th CPC Central Committee, delivered opening remarks. Mr. Liu Liehong, Vice Minister of MIIT, Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator in China, and Mr. Yang Jinbai, Deputy Mayor of Beijing, delivered keynote speeches. Leaders of multinationals including Sanofi-Aventis, Louis Dreyfus, ThyssenKrupp, AstraZeneca, GE Healthcare, Bank of China and China UnionPay made remarks. The credit card “Global Village Card” was released at the opening ceremony.

g. Attended the 2021 SCO International Investment and Trade Expo & SCO Qingdao Forum on Local Economic and Trade Cooperation

On 26 April 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the 2021 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) International Investment and Trade Expo & SCO Qingdao Forum on Local Economic and Trade Cooperation held in Jiaozhou,
Shandong Province. Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of the 13th Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Mr. Liu Jiayi, Secretary of the CPC Shandong Provincial Committee, Mr. Le Yucheng, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Zhang Shaogang, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, and Mr. Vladimir Norov, SCO Secretary-General attended the ceremony and delivered remarks. About 500 people were present at the event, including ambassadors of SCO member states, diplomats of AMS, representatives of international organizations and enterprises.

The forum was held under the theme of “Sharing Opportunities Brought by the SCO, Pursuing Common and Open Development”. Both domestic and international guests shared views on enhancing bilateral and multilateral local economic and trade cooperation under new international situation for a higher-level opening-up. The forum witnessed the launching ceremony of the Liaison Office of the Joint Conference Mechanism for Former Diplomats of the Ministry of Commerce and the Liaison Office of the SCO China Business Council. 20 cooperation programs were signed with a total investment of RMB 66.8 billion yuan. China’s trade index with the SCO member states and the SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum “Qingdao Initiative” were also released.

h. Attended the 15th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction

On 22 June 2021, ACC representatives attended the 15th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction
hosted by the National Rural Revitalization Administration of China. With the theme of “ASEAN-China Cooperation: Promoting Rural Development and Sustainable Poverty Reduction”, the forum attracted more than 80 participants including representatives from relevant UN organizations and other international organizations, officials from government agencies of AMS and China, experts and scholars from high-level institutions. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China, together with senior representatives of government agencies in charge of poverty alleviation in AMS and China attended and addressed the forum online. Video Collection of the Introduction to China Poverty Alleviation Exchange Base were released and the contribution ceremony of the copies were also held at the forum.

i. Attended the 12th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium

On 26 August 2021, ACC representatives attended the 12th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium hosted by Brunei as the rotating presidency of ASEAN this year and co-organised by the ASEAN Secretariat and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of exploring digital innovation, digital transformation, sustainability and inclusiveness. Ambassador Pengiran Hairani Pengiran Tajuddin, Permanent Representative of Brunei to ASEAN, and Professor Hidetoshi Nishimura, President of ERIA delivered remarks. More than 150 representatives from the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee, AMS, ASEAN dialogue partners, international organisations, business associations, think-tanks and enterprises attended the symposium. With the theme of “We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper”, participants shared views and opinions on topics including “Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in ASEAN during COVID-19 and Post Pandemic Recovery”, “Preparing ASEAN Connectivity Post-Pandemic and Beyond 2025” and “Advancing Connectivity Partnership for Prosperity”.

j. Attended the 3rd BRICS Forum on Partnership on New Industrial Revolution and the BRICS + Exhibition 2021

On 7 September 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 3rd BRICS Forum on Partnership on New Industrial Revolution and the BRICS + Exhibition 2021 in Xiamen, Fujian Province. The event was co-hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China, the Chinese Council of the BRICS Think Tank Cooperation, the People’s Government of Fujian Province and the People’s Government of Xiamen City. Mr. Xiao Yaqing, Minister of Industry and
Information Technology of China, Mr. Yin Li, Secretary of the CPC Fujian Provincial Committee, Mr. Wang Ning, Governor of Fujian Province and diplomats of foreign countries in China attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. With the theme of “Hand in Hand with Innovation and Cooperation to Promote the Stability and Smooth Flow of Global Industry Chain and Supply Chain”, the forum focused on supply chain policy planning, optimal timing, green transformation and talent training of BRICS countries to conduct communication and exchanges.

In order to expand the influence of BRICS Plus ASEAN, ACC set up a booth upon invitation at the BRICS New Industrial Revolution Exhibition 2021. By employing billboards display, video broadcast, bilingual brochures and publications distribution as well as on-site introduction, the ACC booth has given publicity the functions of ACC and its achievements in promoting friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, as well as information and media between ASEAN and China. The ACC booth also carried out interaction with visitors through new media platforms such as WeChat and Weibo, attracting many visitors to consult and take photos.

k. Attended the International Finance Forum 2021 Annual Meeting

On 4 December 2021, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment Division (TID) of ACC attended the International Finance Forum (IFF) 2021 Annual Meeting held in Guangzhou. Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and Mr. Bian Liming, Deputy Mayor of Guangzhou attended and addressed the meeting. Mme. Gao Yan, Chairperson of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Mr. Zhou Xiaochuan, former Governor of the People’s Bank of China, Mr. Han Seung-soo, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, former
Prime Minister of Belgium and Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso, former Prime Minister of Portugal delivered video speeches. Nearly 400 representatives from international organisations, international financial institutions, domestic and foreign enterprises took part in the event. More than a thousand people across the globe joined the meeting online.

Themed “Sustainable development under global challenges: competition, change and cooperation”, the forum focused on challenges and opportunities facing global financial development against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as future prospects of global economy and finance. During the forum, the IFF Global Finance and Development Report 2021 was released. It was also announced that China-US Working Group on Green Finance would conduct strategic cooperation.

【3. Outcomes】

These activities have significantly raised the awareness of ASEAN-China cooperation and promoted cooperation in a wide range of fields. The activities have further promoted exchanges and understanding among government sectors, business associations, entrepreneurs, research institutes and media of AMS and China, and enhanced cooperation in areas of regional common interests including sustainable development, innovation-driven and digital economy, connectivity, poverty reduction, empowerment of MSMEs, etc.

ACC’s engagement in those areas not only accorded with the trend of the ASEAN-China cooperation, but also explored future space for sustainable development. By supporting each other’s programmes, ACC worked closely with other regional and international organizations and made full use of regional cooperation platforms to jointly promote the implementation of more ASEAN-China oriented projects.
In view of the vigorous development of education, culture and tourism in the region, there are greater needs to strengthen exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China. The ever-strengthening connection between ASEAN and China has promoted people-to-people exchanges, deepened mutual understanding and friendship and delivered tangible benefits of both sides. In 2021, ACC actively completed a series of innovative and fruitful activities in the areas of education, culture and tourism with the strong support of the governments of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China, AMS embassies in Beijing, relevant organizations and institutions.

Striving to overcome impacts of the pandemic and echoing the demands from both AMS and China, ACC worked hard to improve both quality and efficiency of the programmes on education, by giving full play to its resources, expanding areas of cooperation, actively exploring new partners and building new platforms, and innovating ideas. Adapting to the new normal, ACC strengthened networking with partners, enhanced cultural exchanges, cultural industry cooperation, cultural enlightenment and cultural information services, developed new cooperative platforms. ACC also further improved its annual tourism programme and continued its campaign of promoting ASEAN tourism in the Chinese market, and enhanced exchanges and cooperation with various partners of the AMS and China in the field of tourism human resources development.

ASEAN-China Youth Exchange

1. Background

The younger generation is the future of ASEAN-China relations. Although for two consecutive years, exchange activities have been affected by the impact of both pandemic prevention and control measures and temporary policies for students both going abroad and coming to China for further studies, ACC endeavors to actively create content-rich and diverse exchange opportunities for youths of AMS and China in online and offline forms based on the situation, in the aim of building networks and friendship as well as deepening mutual understanding and trust.

2. Activities

Co-hosted the 2021 ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week and Youth Artwork Competition

The year of 2021 marks the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. For the aim of building a platform to enhance mutual exchanges between youths of both AMS and China specifically in the field of Art and in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary, ACC co-organized the 2021 ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week and the Youth Artwork Competition with Chengdu Foreign Affairs Office.

With the theme of “Advance Mutual Learning among Civilizations for Greater Unity”, the Competition was initiated in September and concluded in early November, which has received warm welcome and great support from Chinese and ASEAN universities and institutions and even attracted the attention and participation of students from other countries besides AMS.

The artworks are divided into 2 categories, namely the Calligraphy and Painting Group and the New Media Group, having
attracted 149 groups of students from 12 countries including China and 7 AMS (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam). After two rounds of review evaluation, 2 Gold Awards (1 from China and 1 from Indonesia), 4 Silver Awards (2 from China and 2 from Indonesia and the Lao PDR respectively) and 6 Bronze Awards (3 from China and 3 respectively from Indonesia, Viet Nam and Singapore) have been selected for the Calligraphy and Painting Group, while another 2 Gold Awards (1 from China and 1 from the team of both Chinese and Myanmar students), 4 Silver Awards (2 from China and 2 from Thailand and Malaysia) and 6 Bronze Awards (3 from China and 3 respectively from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand) been selected for the New Media Group. 56 Excellent Awards have also been selected, including students from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao PDR, Malaysia, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Due to the new round of prevention and control caused by the pandemic, the offline exhibition of awarded artworks has been changed to an online way which will last from mid-November to February of 2022. As highlight for this event, Mdm. Sih Elsiwi Handayani Oratmangun, Spouse of Indonesian Ambassador to China, has devoted 4 of her paintings for the exhibition. The awarding ceremony and offline exhibition will be postponed to the spring of 2022.

### 3. Outcomes

This competition has built a platform to introduce cultures of both China and AMS. It also uses art as a medium to encourage the youths to develop the spirit of originality, enhance the understanding and recognition of each other’s culture, and let the seed of friendship be rooted in hearts of the youths.

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### Supporting ASEAN Students’ Activities

#### 1. Background

More and more ASEAN students choose China as their favourable destination for further study. They have a growing interest in promoting their respective cultures and learning more about the Chinese public. ACC worked closely with students, universities and colleges, and relevant local governments to deliver activities tailored to the needs of ASEAN students in China. Besides, ACC strengthened collaboration with AMS students’ organizations in China, as well as public diplomacy activity organizations and alliances of different disciplines of ASEAN-China universities, and supported their exchange activities.

#### 2. Activities

**The 2021 ASEAN-China Youth Forum**

The 2020 ASEAN-China Youth Forum was suspended due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Upon joint efforts from relevant parties, ACC will co-host the 2021 ASEAN-China Youth Forum with the Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial People’s Government (Jiangsu FAO) on 18 December 2021. From May to November, ECTD representatives held 4 preparatory meetings with Jiangsu FAO and Nanjing Tech University (Nanjing Tech) online and offline, discussing detailed arrangements of the Forum.

The Forum is to invite education officials of AMS embassies in China, and representatives of overseas students of 9 AMS in Jiangsu. The ASEAN-Jiangsu Higher Education Cooperation Seminar will be held under the framework of the Forum, providing a platform for universities and colleges of Jiangsu Province and relevant AMS for pragmatic collaboration in aspects concerning discipline co-construction, teacher-and-student exchanges, and training and internship programmes in the future.

#### 3. Outcomes

The 2021 ASEAN-China Youth Forum is a key component of the ASEAN-Jiangsu Exchange Week commemorating the 30th
anniversary of the ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. The ASEAN-Jiangsu Higher Education Cooperation Seminar is to highlight this programme.

Through preparatory work of the event, the collaboration among ACC, local governments, relevant organizations and universities, and education officials of AMS embassies in China can be further deepened. AMS education officials will gain better understanding of the education reforms in various areas of China.

### Mutual Exchanges between ASEAN-China Vocational Education Institutions

#### 1. Background

In order to support the sustainable and healthy development of economy and society, nations have promoted the modernization of vocational education and trained high-quality and compound technical personnel. ASEAN and China have attached great importance to vocational education and have strong desire to strengthen exchanges and cooperation in this field. In February 2019, the State Council of PRC issued the “National Vocational Education Reform Implementation Plan”. In September 2020, 9 departments including the Ministry of Education issued the Action Plan for the Improvement of the Quality of Vocational Education (2020-2023). In October 2021, the CPC Central Committee and the State Council issued the Opinions on Promoting the High-quality Development of Modern Vocational Education. The Report on the Work of the Government and the Outline of the 14th Five-Year Plan of the People’s Republic of China for National Economic and Social Development and the Vision goal of 2035 and other related documents issued in 2021 all proposed to “enhance the adaptability of vocational education” and “accelerate the construction of a modern vocational education system and build a skill-based society”. Especially in the post pandemic era, the demand for technical talents in all walks of life is becoming more and more urgent, and the status and role of vocational education are becoming more and more prominent. All brings much broader prospect for bilateral cooperation in the field of vocational education.

In 2021, ACC adjusted TVET projects by adopting more online programmes, and committed to integrating resources, exploring new channels and initiating new vocational education cooperation projects.

#### 2. Activities

(1) Attended the “Sino-Malaysia (Shandong) Education Cooperation Dialogue”

On 22 December 2020, co-hosted by the Foreign Affairs Office of Dezhou Municipal People’s Government and Dezhou University, the “Sino-Malaysia (Shandong) Education Cooperation Dialogue” was held in Dezhou City of Shandong Province, under the guidance of Shandong Provincial Department of Education, the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government and the Ministry of Education of Malaysia.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the event with Mr. Xing Shunfeng, Chief Inspector of Shandong Provincial Education Department, Mr. Sun Yebao, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Province, Ms. Norhana Binti Mustafa, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Vocational Education of the Ministry of Education of Malaysia and leaders and
representatives of universities of Malaysia and China, who participated offline and online.

Mr. Chen Dehai indicated that vocational education exchanges and cooperation between Malaysia and Shandong should become a new opportunity for future education cooperation, and the two sides should follow international standards to deepen education exchanges and innovate cooperation models. It was hoped that both sides would integrate resources and provide talent and intellectual support for better serving educational opening-up and promoting high-quality development.

Mr. Xing Shunfeng pointed out that universities of both sides should take this event as an opportunity and make good use of the platform of Shandong-ASEAN Research Center of Dezhou University to set up a regular exchange mechanism.

Mr. Sun Yebao said that the event would start a new chapter for educational exchanges between Shandong and Malaysia as well as build a bridge and platform for exchanges, mutual learning and win-win cooperation among universities.

Mr. Norhana Binti Mustafa stated that Malaysia hoped to carry out cooperation with Shandong in software technology, e-commerce, automobiles, agriculture and other fields. She expressed her wishes that more vocational school students in Malaysia would have the opportunity to improve their abilities, learn more about high-end technologies and equipment, and experience the Shandong culture.

(2) Signed A Memorandum of Cooperation with Dezhou Municipal People’s Government

On 22 December 2020, the Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Cooperation between the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and Dezhou Municipal People’s Government was held. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and Mr. Yang Hongtao, Deputy Secretary of Dezhou Municipal Party Committee and Mayor of Dezhou City, signed the memorandum on behalf of the two sides. Mr. Sun Yebao, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Province, Mr. Liu Changmin, Member of the Standing Committee of Dezhou Municipal Party Committee and Executive Vice Mayor of Dezhou, witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. Chen Dehai indicated that the year 2021 marks the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation, and ACC is willing to join hands with Dezhou to further strengthen communication and mutually beneficial cooperation among governments, enterprises, business associations and educational institutions of the two sides. The two sides shall take the signing as an opportunity to upgrade exchanges and practical cooperation to a new level.

Mr. Yang Hongtao said that ACC had made important contributions to deepening the friendly exchanges and cooperation between China and AMS in the fields of trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media. He sincerely hoped that with the strong support of ACC, Dezhou City would actively integrate into the “Belt and Road” construction, and deepen all-round cooperation with AMS in various fields such as economy, trade and innovation.

(3) Met with Secretary of the CPC Dezhou Municipal Committee

On 22 December 2020, during the Sino-Malaysia (Shandong) Education Dialogue, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Li Meng, Secretary of the CPC Dezhou Municipal Committee. The two sides agreed to establish a long-term communication mechanism thus further facilitating in-depth cooperation and extensive
exchanges between Dezhou and AMS and co-host a Small and Middle Entrepreneurs’ Forum in 2021.

Mr. Sun Yebao, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Province, Mr. Liu Changmin, Member of the Standing Committee of Dezhou Municipal Party Committee and Executive Vice Mayor of Dezhou, and Mr. Wang Shengqiang, Secretary-General of Dezhou Government attended the meeting.

(4) Met with Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government

On 23 December 2020, SG Chen Dehai met with Mr. Cai Xianjin, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government in Jinan.

Mr. Cai Xianjin said Shandong attaches great importance to exchanges with AMS and wished to further strengthen practical cooperation with ACC in the fields of economy, trade, education, culture, tourism, media and etc., and build a high-level mechanism platform for AMS.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that Shandong Province had a strong sense of carrying out exchanges and cooperation with AMS which had already laid a good foundation. The two sides have broader space for cooperation. ACC would continue to support Shandong Province, especially Dezhou City, to actively carry out ASEAN-oriented economic and people-to-people exchanges, and jointly promote fruitful exchanges and cooperation between AMS and Shandong.

During the meeting, on behalf of Shandong FAO, Mr. Cai Xianjin expressed wishes to sign a MOU with ACC for further comprehensive cooperation between the two organizations, and he invited diplomats of AMS Embassies in China to visit Shandong in 2021. Shandong People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries expressed its desire to cooperate with ACC in promoting ASEAN-China youth exchange projects to enhance mutual understanding between the young generations.

(5) ACC and CEAIE Signed A Memorandum of Cooperation

On 12 July 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre, and Mr. Wang Yongli, Secretary-General of China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on behalf of the two sides. Both sides will establish a long-term communication mechanism and strengthen ties to further promote all-around and practical cooperation in the field of education and boost people-to-people exchanges between AMS and China.

(6) Co-organized the TVET Workshop for Indonesian Vocational Colleges

On 31 August 2021, upon invitation of CEAIE, ACC co-organized the TVET Workshop for Indonesian Vocational Colleges. H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, and Mr. Wang Yongli, Secretary-General of CEAIE, addressed the opening ceremony.
Prof. Liu Yufeng, Director of the Division for International Cooperation and Comparative Education Research at the Central Institute of Vocational and Technical Education of the Ministry of Education of China, Prof. Ji Wenlin of Jiangsu Agri-animal Husbandry Vocational College, and Prof. Cen Yong of Ningbo Polytechnic, gave presentations respectively. Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, and ECTD representatives attended the workshop.

(7) Co-organized the Leadership Training for Indonesian Principals

Regarding request from the Embassy of Indonesia, ACC co-organized with the Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) of the Ministry of Education of China the Leadership Training for Indonesian Principals from 6 to 17 September 2021. 134 Indonesian principals participated in this programme.

On 17 September 2021, the Closing Ceremony of the Leadership Training was held online. Mr. Chen Dehai, SG of ACC, Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Indonesia to China, Mr. Praptono, Director of School Principal, Superintendent and Education Personnel of MoECRT of Indonesia, Ms. Yu Tianqi, Deputy Director-General of CLEC, Mr. Siswantoyo, Rector of Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta, and Mr. Tutut, representative of the trainees, addressed the ceremony.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that we have seen deepening educational exchanges and cooperation between China and Indonesia these years. As the starting point of lifelong education and a fundamental way to improve the quality of the whole population, elementary education has set higher standards for principals in terms of global vision, leadership and professional competence. As the only intergovernmental international organization co-established by AMS and China, ACC is ready to continuously make joint efforts with the MoECRT of Indonesia, the Embassy of Indonesia to China, CLEC and other organizations, to promote practical educational cooperation in the field of education between the two countries, expand social and people-to-people exchanges, enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples, and make new progress in bilateral relations.

(8) Co-organized the Training for Indonesian Native Mandarin Teachers of Middle Schools

With request of the embassy and from 18 to 26 October 2021, ACC co-organized with CLEC the Training for Indonesian Native Mandarin Teachers of Indonesian Middle Schools. 100 local Mandarin teachers participated in this 7-day online training, including classroom management, teaching methodology, application of online resources, and etc. ECTD representatives attended the Opening Ceremony of the training on 19 October.

On 26 October 2021, the Closing Ceremony of the training was successfully held. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Dr. Ma Jianfei, Director General of CLEC, Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, Dr. Iwan Syahril, Director General of Teachers and Education Personnel of the MoECRT of Indonesia, Dr. Ibrahim Bafadal, Vice President of the State University of Malang, Ms. Liao Guirong, Director of the Confucius Institute at the State University of Malang, attended and addressed the Closing Ceremony online.
Mr. Chen Dehai stated that, with the deepening of bilateral relations, the cooperation between Indonesia and China in the fields of economy and education have strengthened. ACC is willing to work with relevant parties to continuously promote practical cooperation in the field of education, enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples, and make new progress in Indonesia-China relations.

(9) Co-organized the 2021 Training for Indonesian Native Mandarin Teachers of Universities

With request of related embassy and from 27 October to 5 November 2021, ACC co-organized with CLEC the Training for Indonesian Native Mandarin Teachers of Universities. ECTD representatives attended the Opening Ceremony of the Training on 27 October.

On 4 November 2021, the Closing Ceremony of the Training was successfully held. Mr. Chen Dehai, SG of ACC, Dr. Ma Jianfei, Director-General of CLEC, Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indonesian Embassy in China, Dr. Murpin Josua Sembiring, President of Ma Chung University of Indonesia, attended and addressed the closing ceremony online. 103 local Chinese teachers from 40 Indonesian universities participated in this 7-day online training, which covered teaching methodology, design of classroom activities, language researches, HSK, application of online teaching resources, etc.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that Indonesia is a close partner of China in the Asia Pacific Region and beyond. The friendship between the two countries dates back to ancient times. With the integration of the Belt and Road Initiative and Indonesia’s Global Maritime Fulcrum Strategy, the relationship between Indonesia and China has continued to deepen in the past decades. At the 24th ASEAN-China Summit on 26 October 2021, the leaders of AMS and China reaffirmed that, with a view to ensuring economic recovery and people mobility, ACC and other available platforms should play a bigger role. ACC would continue promoting mutual trust and understanding between the people of ASEAN and China through exchanges on education, culture, technical and vocational training.

(10) Co-organized the Chinese Seminar for Indonesian Middle School Principals

Requested by Indonesian principals who have finished the Leadership Training, ACC co-organized with the Embassy of Indonesia in China the Chinese Seminar for them. The seminar was undertaken by Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) and arranged from 15 November to 3 December 2021. 119 principals of Indonesian middle schools participated in the 30-hour immersion courses of Chinese language and culture.

The Opening Ceremony was successfully held on the afternoon of 15 November 2021. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Dr. Praptono, Director of School Principal, Superintendent and Education Personnel of MoECRT of Indonesia, Dr. Su Dapeng, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of BFSU, Dr. Siswantooyo, Principal of Yogyakarta State University of Indonesia, attended and addressed the Opening Ceremony online.

Mr. Chen Dehai pointed out that with the integration of the Belt and Road Initiative and Indonesia’s Global Maritime Fulcrum Strategy, people-to-people exchanges between the two countries have been significantly stimulated. The demand for Chinese learning among Indonesian youngsters has been expanding. Chinese has become one of the most spoken foreign languages in Indonesia. Since September 2021, ACC has co-organized 5 sessions of training of various types and themes with institutions such as the CLEC, BFSU and Dalian University of Foreign Languages. These sessions of training are precisely beneficial attempts of pragmatic educational collaboration between Indonesia and China. ACC is willing to join hands with relevant parties, continuously promote the cooperation in the field of education, make exchanges of languages and cultures a bridge of friendship, and further facilitate Indonesia-China partnership.
(11) Co-organized the 2021 ASEAN-China TVET Workshop on Capacity Building

On 18 November 2021, the opening ceremony of the 2021 ASEAN-China TVET Workshop on Capacity Building co-organized by the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) was successfully held. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Tao Hongjian, Director-General-Level Inspector of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of the Ministry of Education of China, Mr. Wang Yongli, Secretary-General of CEAIE, Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak, Minister Counsellor of Education and Science of the Embassy of Thailand in China, Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, and Dr. Wang Hui, President of Shenzhen Institute of Information Technology (SZIIT), attended and addressed the opening ceremony online.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that the year 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations. This workshop aims to establish a platform for vocational schools and relevant enterprises of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China to share experience on hot issues such as the integration of e-commerce industry and education and cross-border e-commerce cooperation. As the only inter-governmental organization co-founded by the 10 AMS and China, ACC is ready to join hands with relevant parties, continuously strengthen exchanges and collaboration in the field of vocational education between the two sides and make unremitting efforts to promote economic and social development and closer people-to-people ties.

Mr. Tao Hongjian spoke highly of the great contribution of the “ASEAN-China 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programme” in building an ASEAN-China vocational education community. He expressed hope that relevant parties would jointly build a long-term mechanism for vocational education exchanges and cooperation in the post-pandemic era. Mr. Wang Yongli pointed out that China and AMS have actively shared experience and practices in alleviating poverty, boosting employment and promoting industrial transformation and upgrading through vocational education, so as to jointly explore new horizons of vocational education cooperation.

Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak proposed three recommendations, namely improving innovation skills and “soft skills”, grasping the market trends of small-and-micro enterprises and start-ups, and intensifying exchanges and cooperation among schools, enterprises, governments and industries. Mr. Yaya Sutarya hoped that educators participating in the workshop could actively study China’s strategy and experience in the field of vocational education, promote and share the skills in the field of e-commerce, and apply what they have mastered through mutual learning to the development of vocational education in their own countries, so as to further promote the exchanges and cooperation in vocational education between ASEAN and China.

This two-day training focuses on e-commerce technology and its applications commonly interested by all AMS. Experts and scholars in this field shared China’s experience in cross-border e-commerce operation, live-streaming e-commerce, online sales and entrepreneurship and innovation through multiple forms, including lectures, case sharing and workshops. The trainers also discussed with AMS participants on issues such as the integration of enterprises with vocational schools and universities in e-commerce, cross-border e-commerce cooperation, and approaches to entrepreneurship and innovation.
(12) Organized the Professional Training for Teachers of Tourism in Indonesian Vocational Schools

Upon request from related AMS embassy in China, ACC organized the Professional Training for Teachers of Tourism in Indonesian Vocational Schools. On the afternoon of 6 December, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, Dr. Wikan Sakarinto, Director General of Vocational Education of the MoECRT of Indonesia, Dr. Margana M. Hum, Vice Rector of Yogyakarta State University of Indonesia, and Dr. Liu Hong, President of Dalian University of Foreign Languages (DUFL) attended and addressed the opening ceremony online.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that, at the Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations on 22 November, leaders of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China jointly announced the establishment of ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Moreover, they reaffirmed to enhance cooperation on education, including the early resumption of entry into China by international students from AMS in a healthy, safe and orderly way, as well as on culture, tourism, media, human resources and exchanges among the youth and think-tanks. ACC is ready to work together with Indonesian partners to jointly make new progress in Indonesia-China collaboration.

Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi stated that this training is of great significance to the improvement of Indonesia’s human resources. It is hoped that trainees will exchange ideas, share experiences and build friendships with Chinese experts. Dr. Liu Hong pointed out that international talent cultivation has become a mission for foreign language universities and colleges. DUFL as the host will seize the opportunity to give full play to its disciplinary advantages to boost the ASEAN-China integration.

200 Indonesian teachers in tourism industry participated in online courses covering national and provincial overview of China, frontier theories of tourism management, case studies of integration of industry and education, Chinese language and culture appreciation, a virtual tour of Dalian, discussions and seminars on tourism.

【3. Outcomes】

During the “Sino-Malaysia (Shandong) Education Cooperation Dialogue, leaders of universities and vocational colleges in Shandong and Malaysia shared their views on cooperative development plans, discussed opportunities and development of educational cooperation and common problems, and explored both mechanism and ways of teacher-and-student exchanges, which might lay a good foundation for future cooperation. More than 200 representatives from 61 Shandong universities and 35 Malaysian universities attended the online meeting.

The ASEAN-Shandong (Dezhou) SME Alliance and the Dezhou-ASEAN Research Center were unveiled at the conference. According to the MoC between ACC and Dezhou, the two sides will establish a long-term communication mechanism, regularly exchange and share information, and actively promote the development of project docking and economic and trade cooperation between Dezhou and chambers of commerce and enterprises of AMS.

As follow up, on 28 May 2021, the ASEAN-China (Shandong) Trade and Investment Promotion and the ASEAN-China (Shandong) SME Conference for Cooperation and Development, jointly hosted by Shandong Provincial People’s Government and the ACC, was held successively in Jinan. Nearly 200 people attended the offline activities, among whom were officials of Shandong provincial government, diplomatic missions of AMS in China, and representatives from economic and trade organizations of Shandong and companies of both sides. The live-stream of the opening ceremony received over 26,000 visits.

To echo the MoC between ACC and CEAIE, the two sides are actively exploring the possibility of initiating a new TVET
programme of training and internship with MoECRT of Indonesia under the framework of China-Indonesia Humanities Exchange Mechanism and might be promoted to more AMS.

The TVET Seminar has helped presidents of Indonesian vocational colleges to have better understanding towards China’s TVET system, latest policies concerning vocational education, and China’s experience of the integration between university and industry.

Series of training and seminars for principals, educators and teachers have successfully provided a platform to draw upon experience of each other, build consensus, and deepen cooperation, which will further promote people-to-people exchanges and mutual understanding and trust between the two countries.

Just as Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated, series of training for educators have successfully built an efficient and interactive platform to help improve teaching theories, innovate teaching methods, and share experience. It is beneficial to enhancing teachers’ teaching level and will encourage more educational exchanges and collaboration between the two sides.

### CAECW and SEAMEO Collaboration Projects

The China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) have become major platforms and key links for promoting education cooperation between ASEAN and China. ACC collaborates with CAECW and SEAMEO in facilitating practical cooperation between ASEAN and China.

#### I. ACC’s Contribution to CAECW

##### 【1. Background】

The CAECW has been an annual event since 2008. In 2012, ACC and Guizhou Provincial Department of Education (GPDE) formed a partnership to support the implementation of CAECW and became co-organizers of CAECW. Since 2013, ACC, SEAMEO Secretariat and GPDE have held tripartite meetings annually to discuss the design of activities for each year’s CAECW. The trilateral meeting has become an important consultation mechanism for the preparation of CAECW. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 CAECW was canceled. The 2021 CAECW, was held in September 2021.

##### 【2. Activities】

1. **(1) Attended the Opening Ceremony of 2021 CAECW**

On 24 September 2021, the 2021 CAECW, themed as “Integration of Knowledge and Action-Jointly Building an Educational Vision for Sustainable Development Cooperation” and co-hosted by the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, and Guizhou Provincial People’s Government, grandly opened in Guiyang City of Guizhou Province. SG Chen Dehai, 10 Education Officials from 8 AMS embassies in China, as well as 5 representatives of ACC attended the opening ceremony.

Mr. Lan Shaomin, Deputy Secretary of the Guizhou Province of the Communist Party of China, Mr. Lu Xin, President of the Chinese Society of Vocational and Technical Education and former Vice Minister of MoE of China, Dr. Liu Limin, President of CEAIE and former Vice Minister of MoE of China, and H.E. Mr. U Myo Thant Pe, Myanmar Ambassador to China, attended and addressed the opening ceremony.

Mr. Guo Xiwen, Vice Governor of Guizhou Provincial People’s Government, chaired the opening ceremony. Ms. Shen Yiqin, Secretary of the CPC Guizhou Provincial Committee and Director of the Standing Committee of Guizhou Provincial People’s Congress, attended and announced the opening of the 2021 CAECW. Mr. Huai Jinpeng, Secretary of the Party Leadership Group
and Minister of MoE of China, Mr. Songsai Siphandon, Vice Prime Minister of Laos, Mr. Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, Minister of Education of Brunei, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, and ministers of Ministry of Education of other 9 AMS and other countries made video speeches.

(2) Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Rising Star Innovation Lab

On the afternoon of 24 September 2021, adhering to the idea of improving training and learning through competition, ACC co-hosted with CEAIE the ASEAN-China Rising Star Innovation Lab, aiming to cultivate technical talents, who have international core competitiveness, are familiar with Chinese industrial standards and are able to solve practical problems of enterprises for both AMS and China.

60 Chinese and ASEAN students from 12 Chinese vocational colleges conducted skills exchanges and entrepreneurial project demonstrations around the theme of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. SG Chen Dehai, ACC representatives and education officials from AMS embassies in China attended the event. Dr. Liu Limin, President of CEAIE, Ms. Liu Jin, Director General of the International Cooperation and Exchange Department of MoE, Mr. Wang Yongli, Secretary-General of CEAIE, as well as representatives from related vocational colleges in China participated in this lab.
At the opening ceremony, Dr. Liu Limin, Ms. Liu Jin, and SG Chen Dehai jointly awarded camp flags to the 12 teams. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, as the only foreign expert of the experts group, made on-site comments for the project roadshows of all the 12 teams. SG Chen Dehai, and ASEAN delegates were also invited to present awards to the winning institutions and contestants at the closing ceremony. At the same time, it was broadcast live to AMS and China.

(3) Co-hosted the ASEAN-China TVET Hi-tea

For the aim of establishing a regular multi-lateral dialogue and exchange mechanism for ASEAN-China vocational education officials to accurately meet the demands of various countries and promote practical TVET collaboration, ACC and CEAIE co-hosted on the afternoon of 24 September the ASEAN-China TVET Hi-tea. SG Chen Dehai, Mr. Wang Yongli, education officials from AMS embassies in China, and ECTD representatives attended the meeting.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that vocational education is an important foundation for cultivating technical talents, enhancing employment and entrepreneurship innovation, and promoting a substantial increase in manufacturing and service levels. It is China’s core experience for helping nearly 99 million rural poor people to get rid of poverty to vigorously develop vocational education and “increasing people’s confidence for better life” and “helping them to acquire knowledge and skills” through technical training. In the post-pandemic era, accelerating the construction of a modern vocational education system and cultivating more high-quality technical and skilled personnel is the key to promoting the rapid social and economic recovery.

During the TVET Hi-Tea, Ms. He Pei, Director of the Vocational Education and Training Department of CEAIE, briefed on the present policy, system, reform and practice of China’s vocational education, and shared China’s experience in this field. Education officials from embassies of Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore actively exchanged ideas and explored ways of cooperating with China in the field of vocational education.

(4) Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Vocational Education Forum

On the morning of 25 September, ACC and CEAIE co-hosted the “2021 ASEAN-China Vocational Education Forum and the Exhibition of Featured Cooperation Project”. SG Chen Dehai, Dr. Liu Limin, Mr. Wang Yongli, Mr. Li Chun, Inspector of Vocational Education and Adult Education Department of MoE of China addressed at the opening ceremony of the forum.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that the Ministry of Education of China has launched a series of education reforms in recent years, especially vocational education reform measures. China will further enhance both quality and
efficiency of vocational education by accelerating the construction of high-quality vocational education system as well as establishing and improving the Vocational Institution Entrance Examination System, the general-vocational education integration system, and the national qualifications framework system. He emphasized that ACC is willing to work with relevant parties to jointly build a long-term mechanism for vocational education exchanges and collaboration in the post-pandemic era to enhance the level of internationalism and core competitiveness of vocational colleges of both sides, better serve economic and social development and promote people-to-people bonds.

The forum also invited Chinese and foreign units in the fourth batch of characteristic cooperation projects of the “ASEAN-China 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programme” to share experiences.

(5) Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Language and Culture Forum

The first ASEAN-China Language and Culture Forum with the theme of “Language and Culture Facing Social Development and International Understanding” was co-hosted by ACC and CEAIE on the morning of 25 September during the 2021 CAECW. Mr. Tian Xuejun, Vice Minister of MoE of China, and Mr. Danu Dantti, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and Innovation of Thailand, delivered video speeches at the opening ceremony. Dr. Liu Limin, SG Chen Dehai, Ms. Natthira Krasaesarn, Education Minister Counsellor of the Thai Embassy in China, and Ms. Wang Hui, Deputy Director of the Education Department of Guizhou Province attended and addressed the opening ceremony.

Dr. Liu Limin pointed out that strengthening international exchange and cooperation in language and culture is the glue that unites people’s hearts. He hopes that language and cultural workers in China and AMS will uphold the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind and stimulate new vitality of language and cultural exchanges and cooperation, promote the ability of language and culture to serve the “Belt and Road” Initiative, and enhance the driving force of technological innovation for the development of language and culture.

Mr. Chen Dehai said that Chinese universities have established majors of all languages of AMS, while the demand for overseas Chinese learning is also continuing to expand. 7 AMS, including Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, have incorporated Chinese Language into their national education systems. The number of foreign students exchanged between the two sides has exceeded 200,000. All lays a solid foundation for promoting people-to-people exchanges between China and AMS and benefiting the social development of both sides. It is hoped that this forum would become a platform for experts and scholars from universities and educational research institutions of both sides to learn from each other, deepen collaboration, and promote the exchange and cooperation in the field of language and cultural education to make new progress.

Guests of the forum all agreed that language and cultural exchanges and cooperation between China and AMS should play a unique role in further promoting the high-quality development of the joint construction of Belt and Road Initiative. Mr. Phoxay Thevilayvong, Education and Culture Counsellor of the Embassy of Lao PDR, delivered a keynote speech in the forum.

(6) Attended the Seminar of Vocational Education Helping Rural Revitalization between Guizhou and Mekong Countries during 2021 CAECW and Signed MoC with Guizhou FAO

In order to promote the exchanges and cooperation between Guizhou Province and Mekong countries, and discuss how the high-quality development of vocational education will benefit rural revitalization, the Seminar of Vocational Education Helping Rural Revitalization between Guizhou and Mekong Countries was held on the morning of 25 September. Mr. Zhang Hanlin, Director General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province, H.E. Ms. Khamphao Ernthavanh, the Lao Ambassador to China, Mr. Wang Fukang, former Chinese Ambassador to Maldives, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Consuls General of Cambodia and Thailand in Kunming, attended and addressed the seminar.
Mr. Chen Dehai stated that ASEAN is China’s close and friendly neighbors while Mekong countries are important member states of ASEAN and have inherent advantages for cooperation. Vocational education is an important foundation for cultivating technical and skilled talents, promoting employment and entrepreneurship, encouraging innovation, and stimulating economic and social development. Guizhou Province focuses on the key points of poverty alleviation, pays great attention to the orientation of disadvantaged groups, and makes unremitting efforts to achieve a win-win symbiosis between vocational education and social development. It is hoped that through this seminar, all participants will share experience and exchange ideas within the theme of “Vocational Education Helping Rural Revitalization”, and promote the cooperation between Guizhou Province and Mekong countries to a new level.

At the seminar, ACC signed an MoC with the Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province.

(7) Co-organized the “Empowering Rural Teachers: China-ASEAN Teacher Professional Development Forum”

On 2 November 2021, ACC co-organized with the Teacher Education Centre of UNESCO (UNESCO TEC) the “Empowering Rural Teachers: China-ASEAN Teacher Professional Development Forum”, which was under the framework and working calendar of 2021 CAECW. Representatives of embassies and consulates of AMS to China, such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, representatives of ACC, officials from the Ministry of Education of China, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, and experts from Shanghai Normal University and other domestic universities attended the forum online and offline.

The forum focused on the experience and models of rural teacher professional capacity building, aiming to promote mutual communication and exchanges and strengthen the cooperation in the field of teacher cultivation between AMS and China.

Dr. Chen Qun, Vice Mayor of Shanghai Municipal People’s Government and Board Chairman of UNESCO TEC, Dr. Andi Yulanti Ramli, Vice Deputy to the Minister of Maritime and Investment of Indonesia, Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak, Minister Counsellor of Education and Science of the Embassy of Royal Thai, Mr. Qin Changwei, Secretary General of China’s National Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Wang Ping, Director General of the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission and Dr. Yuan Wen, President of Shanghai Normal University addressed the opening ceremony.

Dr. Chen Qun stated that Shanghai will further strengthen the construction of rural teachers teams with the help of UNESCO TEC and ACC, and make education a new highlight of cooperation between China and AMS. Dr. Andi Yulanti Ramli pointed out that the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime and Investment of Indonesia is committed to improving the quality of human resources, coordinating with all forces to strengthen vocational education and training, and improving the level of teacher development. This forum is expected to invigorate the development of Indonesian rural teachers and further promote the development of rural education and rural revitalization. Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak stated that this forum aims to further boost rural revitalization and improve the living standards of people in the region through rural teacher empowerment, so as to promote the transformation and upgrading of economy and social governance reforms.

Mr. Ren Youqun, Director of the Department of Teacher Education of the Ministry of Education of China, Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of the Embassy of Indonesia to China, Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Education and Culture Counsellor of the Embassy of Lao PDR to China, Mr. Abdul Aziz How Abdullah, Education Counsellor of the Embassy of Malaysia to China
and Mr. Tang Jui Piow, First Secretary of the Embassy of Singapore to China delivered keynote speeches on topics of the Experience of Anti-Poverty Volunteer Teachers in China, Empowering the Professional Development of Rural Teachers in Indonesia, Impacts of the New Normal to Lao Teachers in Teaching and Learning, Enhancing Teacher Professionalism in Malaysia, Uplifting Teachers and Students through Scholarships and International Exchanges respectively.

[3. Outcomes]

Through communication and collaboration with CAECW Secretariat and promotion of CAECW events throughout the year, ACC has further facilitated CAECW’s role as an important regional platform for people-to-people exchanges.

ACC has vigorously promoted bilateral vocational education cooperation, through which to benefit the economic recovery of both sides. During the 2021 CAECW, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China TVET Forum, the Rising Star Students’ Innovation Lab, the TVET High-tea, and the Language and Culture Forum as well as participating in the Seminar between Guizhou and Mekong Countries on Rural Teachers’ Development. Through the aforementioned events, education officials and experts from both AMS countries and China shared experience and had in-depth discussion to explore new paths and new models for TVET collaboration in the post-epidemic era.

It is the first time that ACC has organized education officials from ASEAN embassies in China to participate in the CAECW. Besides, the number of forums that ACC co-hosted with relative organizations has created a historical record. Through more active participation in 2021 CAECW, ACC has made better use of this platform to greatly improve its visibility and influence. The trip has also further enhanced the AMS Embassy Education Officials’ understanding towards China’s education system, education development of different types of Chinese universities as well as the history and economic, social and cultural conditions in Guizhou Province.

It was agreed during the “Empowering Rural Teachers: China-ASEAN Teacher Professional Development Forum” that education equality is an important issue at present, and teachers play a key role in the education system. All participants will make unremitting efforts to help strengthen the capacity building and the professional development of rural teachers, so as to improve the quality of rural education and equitable quality education.

II. ACC’s Collaboration with SEAMEO

[1. Background]

Since the establishment of official partnership between ACC and the SEAMEO Secretariat in 2013, the two sides have seen each other as a gateway to enhance cooperation and exchanges between ASEAN and China in education. ACC has attended the annual meetings of SEAMEO since 2012 and collaborated with SEAMEO regional centres on various projects.

[2. Activities]

On 28 April 2021, ECTD representatives participated in SEAMEO 2021 Virtual Congress to further understand the latest policies and trends of development in the field of education in Southeast Asian countries.

On 21 July 2021, ECTD representatives attended the virtual meeting of SEAMEO Center Directors Meeting.

[3. Outcomes]

Partnership between ACC and SEAMEO has been further strengthened through the online meetings, and the long-established cooperation mechanism has been running smoothly even within the COVID-19 epidemic period. The active exchanges between the two sides raise mutual understanding on the new momentum of educational development in the challenging period of COVID-19 in ASEAN and China, which will help with designing and facilitating more tailored collaborative programmes in the field of education in the future.
Higher Education Exchange and Cooperation

【1. Background】

Higher education serves as a leading factor in talent cultivation and a driving force for a country’s economic and social development. International exchanges and cooperation in the field of higher education is in line with the trend of economic globalization. To strengthen mutual learning and practical cooperation between ASEAN and Chinese higher education institutions is not only a necessary step to pursue long-term development for both sides, but also an effective way to enhance people-to-people connectivity. ACC has continuously exerted the advantages of resource in the field of higher education, designed and implemented a series of new projects combining the common needs of ASEAN and Chinese universities, which have received warm welcome and high reputation. At the same time, ACC actively creates opportunities for education officials of AMS embassies in China to understand China’s higher education system, so as to promote more practical education exchanges and cooperation between the two sides.

【2. Activities】

(1) Organized the “2020 AMS Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Hainan”

From 23 to 29 November 2020, for the aim of enhancing the understanding of education officials of AMS Embassies in China towards China’s education system and further promoting exchanges and cooperation in disciplines such as music, fine arts, sports and ocean, ACC organized “2020 AMS Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Hainan”. Ms. Ang Lay Ling, Deputy Chief of Mission of Brunei Embassy in China, Mr. Sreng Sataro, Minister Counsellor of Cambodian Embassy, Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of Indonesian Embassy, Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Education and Culture Counsellor of Lao Embassy, as well as other 5 representatives from embassies of Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam in China in charge of educational affairs, participated in the event.

On 24 November 2020, the AMS Embassy education officials (hereinafter referred to as the Education Delegation) joined the Indonesian Ambassador’s delegation led by SG Chen Dehai and Indonesian Ambassador H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, and had a formal meeting with Mr. Luo Qingming, President of Hainan University (HNU). The two sides had brief yet fruitful exchanges on strengthening educational cooperation between AMS and HNU.

All AMS Embassy Education Officials, together with SG Chen Dehai and Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun were invited to the Launching Ceremony of the “ASEAN-China Sports Culture Development Alliance (ACSCDA)” and “Maritime Silk-road Art Education Alliance (MSAEA)”. More than 300 teachers and students from HNU, including overseas students from AMS, witnessed this important moment.

Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun delivered a speech on “The Future of China-ASEAN Relations”. He stressed that China-
Indonesia relations have gone through an extraordinary course and have been enjoying a sound momentum of development in recent years. The three key words “strategic, long-term and prosperous” show the characteristics of the current bilateral relations.

On the same day, the Education Delegation visited the School of Music and Dance, the HNU-ASU Joint International Tourism College, and the School of Physical Education of HNU.

During the Education Delegation’s visit to Hainan Tropical Ocean University (HTOU) in Sanya, Mr. Chen Rui, President of HTOU, Dr. Liao Minsheng, Vice President of HTOU, and officials and representatives of teachers and students met with the delegation. The Education Delegation also paid the visit to Wuzhishan Campus of HTOU, Li’an International Education Innovation Pilot Zone, Lecheng International Medical Tourism Pilot Planning Zone, Boao Forum Site and Hainan National Museum.

(2) Visited Shandong University

On 24 December 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC visited Shandong University (SDU) and met with SDU President Dr. Fan Liming.

Dr. Fan Liming briefed on SDU’s efforts to deepen cooperation with universities and institutions in AMS in line with national strategy in recent years. She pointed out that ASEAN is an integral part of SDU’s global network. The cooperation between SDU and its counterparts in AMS is getting increasingly extensive and profound, while there is still great potential for strengthening cultivation of talents in an international perspective and carrying out scientific research cooperation in key areas in the future. She would appreciate continuous support from ACC.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai gave an overview of the current situation of cooperation between AMS and China especially ACC’s efforts in promoting people-to-people exchanges. He pledged consistent assistance for SDU to further enrich and deepen its cooperation with universities of AMS.

During the visit, Secretary-General Chen Dehai and his delegation had discussions with deans of various schools of SDU, and visited the Museum of SDU and the Research and Experience Base of Traditional Chinese Culture.

(3) Attended the 2021 International Day of Education-China Celebration

On 20 January 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended and addressed the 2021 International Day of Education-China Celebration, which was co-hosted by China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) and Beijing Normal University.

Mr. Tian Xuejun, Vice-Minister of Education of China and Chairperson of Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, delivered a keynote speech. Dr. Liu Limin, President of CEAIE, Prof. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China and Mr. Laurent Bili, French Ambassador to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre, addressed the event. Mr. Qin Changwei, Secretary-General of Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, and Mr. Fang Jun, Deputy Director-General of Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of Ministry of Education of China, attended the event. Mr. Wang Yongli, Secretary-General of CEAIE, chaired the meeting.

Mr. Tian Xuejun briefed on the efforts of China’s education sector in fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic. He put forward four initiatives: reinforcing confidence to join efforts toward the achievement of SDGs, promoting innovation to add value to education through technology, leading trend to cultivate international talents of global competence, and uniting as one to forge a global educational community. Dr. Liu Limin pointed out that education in the post-pandemic era is closely related to the future of mankind. All parties should have an insight into the future and plan ahead for education development.

Mr. Chen Dehai mentioned that in the context of the continuous spread and rebound of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is of great significance for every country to share experience on coping with challenges and promoting the sustainable development of education in the post-pandemic era. He hoped that through this event, educational equality and sustainable development can be further promoted.
through exchanges and mutual consensus.

(4) Initiated and Organized Five sessions of the Programme of 2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS

With the historical breakthrough of China and ASEAN becoming each other’s largest trading partners in the first half of 2020 and the signing of RCEP in November 2020, more and more students from AMS have chosen to study and live in China. The Series of “2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS” is an innovative programme which has successfully held 5 sessions since April 2021, and aims to build a platform for further promotion of educational exchanges between AMS and China and help ASEAN students, who wish to study in China, and their parents to obtain more comprehensive, authentic and timely information about studying in China.

On 14 April 2021, ACC held a Preparatory Meeting for the programme. More than 30 representatives attended the meeting, including education officials from embassies of Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand as well as directors and staff from 9 Chinese universities. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, addressed the opening. Officials from Shandong University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Central University of Finance and Economics, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, East China Normal University, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, Hainan Tropical Ocean University, Shenyang University of Chemical Technology, and College of Chinese and ASEAN Arts of Chengdu University, respectively introduced the basic information, characteristic disciplines and latest enrollment policies of each university. All representatives expressed their willingness to strengthen educational exchanges and cooperation with AMS. Ms. Natthira Krasaesarn and Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak, Minister Counsellors of the Thai Embassy in China, Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy, Mr. Phoxay
Thepvilayvong, Education and Culture Counsellor of the Lao Embassy, Mr. Tang Jui Piow, First Secretary of the Singaporean Embassy, and Mr. Allen Carillo, Third Secretary of the Philippine Embassy, attended this event.

On 25 April 2021, ACC held the “2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS” (Session I). Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy in China, Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Education and Culture Counsellor of the Lao Embassy, and Mr. Allen Carillo, Third Secretary of the Philippine Embassy, attended the virtual meeting. Ms. He Wei, Education Officer of the Education, Culture, and Tourism Division of ACC, chaired the briefings.

On 27 June 2021, ACC held the “2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS” (Session II). H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. He emphasized that with the signing of RCEP on 15 November 2020, it has put forward urgent demands for professionals in certain fields and at the same time have better understandings towards each other’s language, culture, history, etc. He wished that all students of AMS would have the opportunity to study in China, broaden their horizons and knowledge, exchange ideas and build friendship with the younger generation of China, and serve as ambassadors to carry forward the friendship between ASEAN and China. 5 Chinese universities, namely Xiamen University, Nankai University, Sichuan Normal University, Tianjin Normal University and Nanjing University delivered presentations covering the general information, characteristic disciplines, latest enrollment policies, employment and development, and experience sharing of studying and living abroad in China.

On 18 July 2021, ACC co-organized upon invitation a Special Session of 2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies for Indonesian Students with the Embassy of Indonesia in China. H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, attended and addressed the opening. He expressed his expectation for further enhancing educational cooperation between Indonesia and China and wished that more Indonesian students would get a better understanding of Chinese universities through this event and seize opportunities to study in China in the future. Mr. Yaya Sutarya introduced the overall process of applying for Chinese scholarships. 6 Chinese universities, namely Tianjin University, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Harbin Normal University, Dongbei University of Finance & Economics, College of Chinese & ASEAN Arts of Chengdu University, and Ningxia University delivered presentations.

On 4 September 2021, ACC co-organized the 2021 Online Briefings of Chinese Universities towards AMS (Session IV). H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. 5 Chinese universities, namely Peking University, Sun Yat-Sen University, Zhejiang University, Minzu University of China, and Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, successively delivered presentations covering general information, characteristic disciplines, latest enrollment policies and experience of studying and living in China. Mr. Yaya Sutarya introduced general procedures for scholarship application in China.

On 27 November 2021, the 2021 Online Briefings on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS (Session V), co-organized by ACC and the Embassy of Indonesia in China, was successfully held. 6 Chinese universities, namely Dalian Maritime University, Beijing Sport University, Wenzhou Medical University, Nanjing Tech University, Guizhou Open University and Jiangsu Vocational Institute of Architectural Technology, conducted the briefings concerning the general profile, enrollment policies, main features of academic majors, and international students’ experience of studying and living in China.

(5) Attended the Education Dialogue of Digital Trade Talents’ Cultivation for Belt and Road Region

On 18 May 2021, upon invitation of Tsinghua University, Secretary-General Chen Dehai, attended and addressed the Education Dialogue of Digital Trade Talents’ Cultivation for Belt and Road Region.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that the year 2020 is a vital milestone in the development of ASEAN-China relations. The two sides have achieved a historic breakthrough as each other’s largest trading partner. The successful signing of RCEP marks the birth of the world’s largest free trade
The year 2021 is the 30th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, and the ASEAN-China relations in the new era will usher in a broader prospect and development. He stressed that digital talents training is transferring from discipline-oriented to industry demand-oriented, from professional segmentation to crossover integration. The goal of talent training is changing from serving digital economy to supporting and leading digital economic development. Regarding the cultivation of digital trade talents in the future, Mr. Chen Dehai pointed out that exploration should be carried out from the following four aspects, namely creating a new system by resources sharing, cultivating new talents by discipline integration, innovating ways to build new platforms and exploring new paths through international cooperation.

Mr. Vladimir Imamovich Norov, Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Mr. Wei Jianguo, former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China, Mr. Essam Khamis, former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Higher Education and Researches of Egypt, and Mr. Sun Jiaguang, Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering and former Deputy Director-General of National Natural Science Foundation of China, attended and addressed the Dialogue. Representatives from over 600 universities and colleges and more than 1000 cross-border e-commerce companies participated online.

6) Organized the 2021 AMS Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Dalian

From 7 to 11 June 2021, ACC successfully held the 2021 AMS Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Dalian. Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak, Minister Counsellor of Education and Science of Thai Embassy in China, Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of Indonesia Embassy, Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Education and Culture Counsellor of Lao Embassy and representatives from embassies of Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Viet Nam participated in the event.
On 8 June 2021, the Delegation visited Dalian Maritime University (DMU). Dr. Sun Yuqing, President of DMU, and Dr. Zhao Youtao, Vice President of DMU hosted an official meeting with the Delegation. Within the 112-year history since its establishment, DMU has cultivated around 200,000 specialized talents. It has established school-links with AMS since 1996. He stated that DMU is willing to actively carry out educational exchanges and cooperation with universities in AMS, share educational resources, enhance mutual understanding and cultural recognition, and make more solid contributions to building a China-ASEAN Maritime Education Community with shared ideas, prosperity and responsibilities. Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak stated that the eastern region of Thailand is the production base, industrial and logistics hub of ASEAN as well as the location of the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC). She expressed her willingness to help establish school links between DMU and Thailand Navy Academy, and invited university leaders of DMU to visit EEC area and establish a branch campus there. Mr. Yaya Sutarya introduced that 70% of Indonesia’s territory is along the coast, therefore, maritime education is a very important field in their national education system. He suggested that both sides should exchange more students for further studies through scholarship programmes.

On 9 June, the Delegation visited Dongbei University of Finance & Economics (DUFE). Dr. Lv Wei, President of DUFE, and Dr. Fang Hongxing, Vice President of DUFE, hosted an official meeting with the Delegation. Dr. Lv Wei mentioned that DUFE began to recruit overseas students in 1989 and has cultivated more than 10,000 students from 137 foreign countries. He expressed his desire to actively enhance educational exchanges and cooperation in a broad area in various forms with AMS. Afterwards, the Delegation had discussions and exchanges with the School of Accounting, the School of Tourism and Management, and the School of International Education respectively. Mr. Yaya Sutarya proposed 5 aspects for future cooperation, including establishing a Chinese Language Centre in Jakarta to cultivate native compound professional talents, co-organizing online summer schools of Chinese language and culture for Indonesian university students, promoting teacher-and-student exchange programs, exploring the possibility of jointly providing special scholarships for studying in DUFE, and jointly developing dual degree programmes with Indonesian universities. Other ASEAN delegates all expressed willingness to actively promote the establishment of friendly school links with ASEAN universities for in-depth educational exchanges and cooperation, and actively recommend DUFE to undertake relevant governmental training projects.

On 10 June, the Delegation visited Dalian University of Foreign Language (DUFL). Dr. Liu Hong, President of DUFL, and Mr. Jiang Fengchun, Vice President of DUFL, had an official meeting with the Delegation. Dr. Liu Hong said that DUFL has established the major of Thai Language in 2020, and will gradually offer teachings of more AMS languages. She proposed specific suggestions for future cooperation, which included receiving strong supports from AMS embassies in China in terms of the construction of new AMS language majors, teaching materials, and foreign talents’ introduction, getting more support from both ACC and AMS embassies for the International Talent Training Program of the School of International Relations, co-organizing online training for international Mandarin teachers and conducting Teacher Internship Exchange Program. On behalf of Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture, Mr. Yaya Sutarya expressed his willingness to support DUFL offering major and minor courses of Bahasa Indonesia by providing 2 native Bahasa Indonesian teachers per year as well as the curriculum, teaching materials, scholarships, teachers of Indonesian culture and internship opportunities. Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong said that Lao Ministry of Education and Sports has 4 subordinate universities. He would be willing to help DUFL establish contact with the National University of Lao PDR, and the two sides might support each other in the teaching of Chinese and the establishment of the major of Lao language. Mr. Lico Ty, Second Secretary of Cambodian Embassy, pointed out that Cambodia has urgent demands for professionals who can speak Mandarin. He wished that DUFL can send Chinese teachers to Cambodian colleges and universities to learn Cambodian language. Ms. Theingi Aye, representative from the Embassy of Myanmar, put forward the demands for online and off-line training for native Mandarin teachers. Other ASEAN delegates all extended their willingness to use the platform built by ACC to cooperate with DUFL in fields of talent training, teacher-and-student exchanges, scientific research cooperation and international promotion of Chinese language. AMS embassies in China will actively provide assistance to DUFL in terms of university links, teachers and teaching materials, etc.

On 9 June, Ms. Yao Lan, Deputy Secretary-General of Dalian Municipal Government, met and hosted a banquet for the delegation. Mr. Li Baoguang, Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of Dalian Municipal Government, and heads of the Bureau of Commerce and the Bureau of Culture and Tourism attended the event. The two sides also exchanged in-depth views on strengthening communications between governments, enterprises, business associations, and universities and colleges of Dalian and AMS, and further promoting mutually beneficial cooperation in commerce, education, culture and tourism, sports, media and other fields.

During the stay in Dalian, the delegation also visited the Lvshun Museum, Dalian Economic Development Zone, East-Harbor and
Xinghai Square to learn more about Dalian’s history, cultural and economic development. Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC accompanied the whole visit.

(7) Invited Chinese Experts to Deliver Lectures for Training Courses for Educators and Future Teachers

ACC invited an expert of Education Studies from East-China Normal University to give an online lecture on 26 April to the Leadership Training for Senior Officials of MoECRT of Indonesia, introducing Chinese Education System and Development of Chinese Education Reforms.

ACC invited Ms. Jing Wei, Deputy Director-General of CLEC of MoE of China on 28 April to the Leadership Training for Senior Officials of MoECRT of Indonesia, introducing CLEC’s strategies of International Promotion of Chinese Language as well as standard-setting, quality control, teachers’ training and key programmes of International Chinese Education.

ACC invited Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) to give an online presentation on the afternoon of 28 April to Directors of Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture about BFSU’s achievements in its international cooperation with but not limited to AMS, its characteristics of discipline-settings, scholarships and enrollment policies.

ACC invited an expert of Education Studies from BFSU to give an online lecture on Chinese primary and secondary education system on 11 May to 100 students of Patimura University who are majoring in Pedagogy.

ACC will continue to maintain close communication with education officials of AMS embassies in China to keep abreast of the training demands of each country, discuss training programs, and implement training accordingly.

(8) Organized 2021 AMS Education Officials’ Trip to Guizhou

On 25 September 2021, education officials visited Guizhou Vocational and Technical College, including the largest in the southwest region and the only Aviation Training Base open to foreigners, the Ancient Craftsmanship Training Base, and the E-commerce Logistics Production and Education Integrating Training Base. The envoys actively experienced the practical training of e-commerce live broadcast delivery. AMS education officials actively experienced and were deeply impressed by the e-commerce live broadcast sales of local agricultural products.

On 25 September 2021, the education officials visited Guizhou Minzu University and had discussions and exchanges with 12 local universities and colleges, including Guizhou University, Guizhou Normal University, Guizhou Institute of Technology, Tongren College, Guizhou Construction Vocational and Technical College, Guizhou Transportation Vocational and Technical College, Guizhou Light Industry Vocational college and Guiyang Preschool Teachers College. Representatives of local universities introduced their own characteristics and expressed their willingness to further deepen cooperation with relevant AMS in discipline-construction, teacher-and-student exchanges, and implementing training and internship programmes. Ms. Wang Hui, Deputy Director General of the Education Department of Guizhou Province, and leaders of the 12 local universities attended the meeting.
From 26 to 28 September, ACC organized cultural visits to the Ancient Town of Qingyan and the Miao Village, as well as scientific visits to the FAST and the Big Data Experimental Center.

(9) Supported the Seminar of Fostering Indonesian Universities Partnership with World Top-100 Universities in China

On 16 September 2021, the 2021 Indonesian University Presidents’ Seminar, hosted by MoECRT of Indonesia, was held online. H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Ms. Paristiyanti Nurwardani, Secretary of the Directorate General of Higher Education, Research, and Technology, Mr. Nizam, Director General of Higher Education, Research, and Technology, and Mr. Fasli Jalal, Vice President of Cooperation of Private University Indonesia-China attended the seminar. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. The seminar brought together elite universities and high-quality resources of Indonesia and China. It successfully provided a platform for institutes of higher learning from both sides to draw upon experience of each other, build consensus, and deepen cooperation.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that Indonesia is an important member state of ASEAN, as well as a close and friendly neighbor of China. Strengthening educational exchanges and cooperation is of great significance to closer people-to-people exchanges between the two countries and the sustainable and sound development of the bilateral relations. ACC is ready to play its role as a bridge to fully cooperate with Indonesian education departments, Embassy of Indonesia to China and other organizations to contribute to Indonesia-China educational exchanges and cooperation.

(10) Co-organized the General Assembly of China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medicine and Health

On 21 October 2021, Peking University, Mahidol University of Thailand and ACC co-hosted the 2021 China-ASEAN Conference on Partnership in Medicine and Health and the General Assembly of China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medicine and Health. Representatives from 22 ASEAN medical institutions and 21 Chinese counterparts of the Consortium attended the conference online. Focusing on the global public health crisis of COVID-19, the conference reviewed how AMS and China jointly responded to the epidemic and discussed ways to better safeguard global public health security.

Dr. Hao Ping, President of Peking University, Ms. Liu Jin, Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Qiao Jie, Executive Vice President of Peking University and Director of Peking University Health Science Centre, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of ACC, Assoc. Prof. Lau Tang Ching, Vice Dean of NUS Medicine, Prof. Prasit Watanapa, ASEAN President of the Consortium and Prof. Zhan Qimin, Chinese President of the Consortium addressed the opening ceremony.

Ms. Wang Hongliu stated that Members of the Consortium have made full use of the platform in the past two years since its establishment to jointly enhance talent cultivation in medical care and public health, bring tangible benefits to people in the region and make contributions to regional public health security. It is hoped that this conference would further promote the in-depth exchanges and collaboration between ASEAN and China in the fields of medical education, research and healthcare and improve health care for better regional public health and economic recovery in the post-pandemic era.

(11) Attended the Plenary Session of 2021 China Annual Conference for International Education & Expo

On 22 October 2021, the Plenary Session of 2021 China Annual Conference for International Education and Expo (CACIE 2021), hosted by CEAIE, was held in Beijing at the International Convention Centre. Under the theme of “New Opportunities and Prospects for Building an Open and High-Quality Education System”, the conference discussed new opportunities and challenges for international education exchanges and cooperation, explored innovative ways for high-quality development, and drew a blueprint for the future of international education.
Dr. Huai Jinpeng, Minister of Education of China, Ms. Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary of the UK Department for Education, Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education of Singapore, and Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education of UNESCO, respectively addressed the opening ceremony offline and online. Dr. Liu Limin, President of CEAIE, chaired the event.

Secretary General Chen Dehai and ambassadors of Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Cuba, Finland and other countries to China attended the related events. ACC was awarded the 40th Anniversary Outstanding Contribution Partner of CEAIE.

12) Supported the 2021 ASEAN-China “Learning about Ocean” Student Film Competition

In 2017, ASEAN-China Smart Ocean Center was founded by Tianjin University (TJU) and ACC was a supporting member of the establishment. Upon invitation of TJU, ACC supported the 2021 ASEAN-China “Learning about Ocean” Student Film Competition. The Competition attracted 203 groups of young students from 45 universities in 6 countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and China. It promoted exchanges and collaboration between AMS and China in the field of marine science education and academic research. Ms. He Wei, Education Officer of ECTD participated in the review process as a member of the organizing committee.

13) Attended and Addressed the Opening Ceremony of 2021 Southeast Asia Forum and International Conference

On 13 November 2021, the opening ceremony of the “Southeast Asia Forum” the 2021 International Conference and Innovation Forum on Integration of Industry and Education of the Greater Bay Area was held. With the theme of “Regional Cooperation and Collaborative Development within the RCEP Background”, the forum focused on cross-regional economic, trade, educational and cultural exchanges and cooperation between the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Southeast Asia, and explored the directions, priorities and strategies of regional industry-university-research collaboration. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, addressed the opening ceremony via video upon invitation.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that ASEAN is a close
neighbour, good friend and great partner of China, as well as a high priority in China’s neighbourhood diplomacy and a key region for high-quality cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative. This forum was of great significance to promoting educational cooperation between AMS and China, and enhancing the integration of industry and education of the Greater Bay Area. It was hoped that the newly established Chinese Language Teacher Education School for Southeast Asia would contribute to the educational exchanges and cooperation between AMS and China. ACC would work with relevant parties to continuously explore new channels for future educational exchanges to advance bilateral educational cooperation to a new level for further achievements, and make unremitting endeavours to promote economic and social development and people-to-people exchanges.

(14) Signed Memorandum of Cooperation with CLEC

On 6 December 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, met with Dr. Ma Jianfei, Secretary of the Party Committee and Director-General of CLEC of the Ministry of Education of China. The two sides signed a Memorandum of Cooperation between ACC and CLEC, agreeing to further strengthen ties, share platforms and resources, jointly carry out exchanges in the field of Chinese language education, and continuously deepen people-to-people exchanges between AMS and China in the future. Dr. Zhong Yinghua, President of Tianjin Normal University, Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC, Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC, and Mr. Teng Lianshuai, Director of the Offices of General Affairs and International Exchanges of CLEC, were at present.

(15) Attended and Addressed the Launching Ceremony of International Chinese Language Education Week 2021

On 13 December 2021, the launching ceremony of International Chinese Language Education Week 2021 (2021 ICLEW) with the theme of “Closer Partnership, Better Future” was successfully held in Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU). The event was co-hosted by CLEC of MoE of China, the International Society for Chinese Language Teaching (ISCLT) and Chinese Plus, and undertaken by BLCU. Mr. Tian Xuejun, Vice Minister of Education and Chairman of the State Language Committee, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Dr. Hao Ping, President of Peking University, Dr. Borhy László, Rector of Eötvös Loránd University of Hungary, Dr. Vivia Fowler, President of Wesleyan College of the United States, Dr. Simon Biggs, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University of Western Australia, Dr. Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva, Executive Director of International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities (GCUB), Dr. Isabel Cervera, Director of the Cervantes Institute of Beijing, Dr. Nama Didier Dieudonné, National Pedagogic Inspector of Chinese Language of the Ministry of Secondary Education of Cameroon, Dr. Anek Laothamatas, Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation of Thailand, attended and addressed the launching ceremony online and offline.

Mr. Tian Xuejun pointed out that international Chinese language education is an important part of international educational exchanges and cooperation, a public language product provided for the world by China, and a crucial platform for China to integrate
into the world and for the world to understand China. China will strengthen the ranks of native Chinese language teachers, optimize international Chinese teaching resources and services, expand new partnership, and enhance exchanges and communications among the youths. China will also promote reform, innovation, quality and efficiency of international Chinese language education, build a more open, inclusive and standardized education pattern.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated that ACC has successively co-organized multiple events oriented towards education administrators, native Chinese language teachers, and vocational school teachers from AMS, including workshops on capacity building, professional training, Mandarin immersion courses, and vocational education forums. In the Joint Statement of the Special Summit Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, leaders of both sides reaffirmed to continue to enhance collaboration in education as well as other fields and give full play to the significant role of ACC in promoting socio-cultural and people-to-people exchanges since its establishment 10 years ago. ACC is ready to work together with all parties to actively promote educational exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China unremitting efforts to deepen ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Dr. Ma Jianfei, Director-General of CLEC, welcomed people from all over the world to actively participate in the development of international Chinese language education and contribute wisdom and strength to promote exchanges of language and culture as well as people-to-people bonds.

At the launching ceremony, CLEC signed MoCs and Programme Agreements respectively with ACC, the Ministry of Education and Sports of Uganda, GCUB, and other universities and organizations, issued policy documents such as Reference Frame for Teaching Chinese Culture and National Conditions in International Chinese Language Education, and Action Plan of Online Education on International Chinese Language (2021-2025). A number of Chinese Language Learning Testing Centres, Online Chinese Language Classrooms, CLEC Smart Classrooms, Chinese Language Workshops were also formally established. Chinese and foreign guests joined hands on stage to launch the 2021 ICLEW.

**16) Enhanced Communications and Exchanges with Chinese Universities and Education Institutions to Explore Future Cooperation**

Under the background of COVID-19, ACC used every opportunity to establish connections with possible partners and enhance cooperation with partners to expand channels, plan ahead and improve both quality and efficiency of collaboration, which included the followings:

On 2 February 2021, SG Chen Dehai met with Mr. Yun Cheng, Chairman of Halal Catering (Food) Industry Committee of the World Federation of Chinese Catering Industry and Beijing Cuisine Association, and Ms. Ma Hua, President of Beijing Western Mahua Restaurant. The two sides exchanged views on making full use of the resources of the association and ACC to jointly promote cuisine collaboration between AMS and China.

On 1 March 2021, SG Chen Dehai met with Mr. Wang Yongli, Secretary-General of China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE). The two sides exchanged views on strengthening communication and enhancing education exchanges and cooperation between CEAIE and AMS.

On 20 April 2021, the day of “Grain Rain”, one of the 24 solar terms in the Chinese lunar calendar, SG Chen Dehai sent a video message upon invitation to the event of the “International Chinese Language Day” held by the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation of the Ministry of Education of China. Chen stated that the successful signing of the RCEP will open up broader prospects for the development of China and ASEAN Member States (AMS) and inject new vitality into educational exchanges and cooperation between the two sides. In the new era and under the new situation, international Chinese language education is constantly making new contributions to promoting exchanges and mutual learning among diverse civilizations in the world. Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation
Organisation (SCO), ambassadors of relevant countries to China, Chinese and foreign experts and scholars in the fields of language and culture, expressed their greetings to the event through videos.

On 20 April 2021, SG Chen Dehai recorded a Congratulatory Video to Hainan University for the Founding Conference of the ASEAN-China Sports Culture Development Alliance and Maritime Silk Road Art Education Alliance.

On 11 May 2021, SG Chen Dehai met with Ms. Liu Hong, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee and President of Dalian University of Foreign Languages (DUFL). President Liu Hong warmly invited Secretary-General Chen Dehai and education officials from the embassies of AMS in China to pay a visit to Dalian in early June. The two sides also conducted in-depth discussions on giving full play to the strengths of DUFL, enhancing its educational exchanges and practical cooperation with AMS and promoting comprehensive exchanges and cooperation between Dalian and AMS.

On 11 May 2021, SG Chen Dehai sent a Congratulatory Letter to Dezhou University of Shandong Province upon invitation for its 50th Anniversary of Establishment.

On 11 May 2021, ECTD attended the Virtual meeting with the Young SEAKers organized by GA and discussed with them probable future collaboration.

On 13 May 2021, SG Chen Dehai met with Mr. Liao Minsheng, Vice President of Hainan Tropical Ocean University (HTOU). The two sides conducted in-depth discussions on further supporting HTOU to deepen educational exchanges and cooperation with AMS by co-organizing ASEAN-China University Presidents’ Forum and setting up the ASEAN-China Youth Research Institute.

On 31 May 2021, ECTD participated in the meeting with School of International Organization of Renmin University and introduced ACC’s educational programmes.

On 15 June 2021, Mme. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC, met with Mr. Zhang Minxuan, Professor of the UNESCO Teacher Education Centre. The two sides had in-depth exchanges on strengthening ASEAN-China cooperation in the field of teacher career development. Mr. Liu Baoli, Executive Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee of China-ASEAN Educational Cooperation Week, attended the meeting.

On 22 June 2021, SG Chen Dehai sent a Congratulatory Letter to China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) upon invitation for its 40th Anniversary of Establishment.

On 3 August 2021, SG Chen Dehai met with Mr. Zhang Hanlin, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Provincial People’s Government. Mr. Zhang Hanlin warmly invited Mr. Chen Dehai to attend the 2021 CAECW and relevant activities to be held in Guiyang in late August. The two sides also conducted in-depth discussions on strengthening communication and promoting all-round exchanges and cooperation between Guizhou Province and AMS.

On 11 August 2021, ECTD and CEAIE Paid a Working
Visit to the Embassy of Indonesia in China, discussing on jointly designing and establishing a new TVET programme in 2022.

On 24 August 2021, ECTD and CEAIE Paid a Working Visit to the Embassy of Thailand in China upon invitation and discussed future collaboration in the field of vocational education.

On 7 September 2021, SG met with Mr. Tian Lihui, member of the Party Committee and Vice President of Guangxi University. The two sides conducted in-depth exchanges on strengthening education exchanges between Guangxi University and AMS, especially in the field of financial education.

On 14 September 2021, SG met with Mr. Zhong Yinghua, President of International Society for Chinese Language Teaching (ISCLT) and Tianjin Normal University. Mr. Zhong Yinghua warmly invited Mr. Chen Dehai, ambassadors of AMS to China and education officials from AMS embassies to China to attend the 2021 ISCLT Annual Conference and related activities. The two sides exchanged views on giving full play to the advantages of Tianjin Normal University and strengthening educational exchanges and practical cooperation with AMS.

On 4 November 2021, upon invitation of the Center of Language Education and Cooperation of the Ministry of Education of China, SG participated in the evaluation for the application for establishing Chinese Language Teacher Education School for Southeast Asia.

On 5 November 2021, Ms. He Wei, Education Officer of ECTD of ACC visited Beijing Foreign Studies University with Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Attaché of the Embassy of Indonesia, discussing detailed arrangements for the Mandarin Seminar for Indonesian Principals on 15 Nov.

On 3 December 2021, SG met with Dr. Liu Limin, President of CEAIE. The two sides had in-depth discussion on expanding the area and enhancing the connotation of future collaboration.
【 3. Outcomes 】

(1) The Hainan trip has enhanced the understanding of education officials of AMS Embassies in China towards China’s education system, development of education reforms as well as economic, social and cultural conditions in Hainan Province. ASEAN delegates have shown positive attitude towards recommending relevant universities and institutions to join the two alliances. It is believed that the trip will encourage more ASEAN universities and colleges to establish practical and effective links and project cooperation between the two sides, thus contributing to further development of social, economic and cultural exchanges. Till April 2021, more than 40 domestic and foreign colleges and universities have applied to join the two alliances, which fully demonstrates the efficiency, pragmatism and attractiveness of the alliances.

(2) The event of 2021 International Day of Education-China Celebration focuses on “Education Equality and Sustainable Development in the Post-Pandemic Era” and reaffirms the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the importance of education in achieving sustainable development. Around 1,000 representatives from 25 countries and international organizations attended the event both online and offline.

(3) The implementation of series of 2021 Online Briefing on Enrollment Policies of Chinese Universities towards AMS has successfully set up a platform to help over 10,000 ASEAN students who wish to study in China and their parents obtain more comprehensive, authentic and timely information about studying abroad in China, and at the same time help Chinese universities broaden channels and recruit high-quality students from AMS. H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China, has actively participated in 4 consecutive sessions, encouraging students from AMS to study in China.

(4) The Dalian Trip has further enhanced the understanding of AMS Embassy Education Officials towards China’s higher education system, education development of different types of Chinese universities as well as the history and economic, social and cultural conditions in Dalian City, Liaoning Province. AMS delegates were positive towards recommending relevant universities and colleges to establish school links with Dalian Maritime University, Dongbei University of Finance & Economics, and Dalian University of Foreign Language respectively. The trip will encourage more in-depth collaboration in the fields of but not limited to talent training and cultivation, teacher-and-student exchanges, joint scientific researches, mutual recognition of credits, mutual promotion of each other’s language and culture, and undertaking governmental projects of AMS. Education officials expressed their wishes that ACC would organize more educational investigations to help them learn more about different regions and different types of universities in China.

As follow-up to the Dalian Trip, ECTD kept coordinating between related AMS Embassies and Dalian universities to help establish school links and promote future cooperation, specifically between the Royal Navy Academy of Thailand and Dalian Maritime University, between the Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University of Thailand and Dongbei University of Finance & Economics, and between the National University of Laos PDR and Dalian University of Foreign Languages.

DUFL will establish the major of Bahasa Indonesia. It has already established school-links with Yogyakarta State University of Indonesia and undertaken the training programme for teachers of Tourism Industry together.

(5) In-depth exchanges with new and old partners have helped ACC obtain more first-line consultations, broaden channels, and open up ideas, which will help ACC plan and implement more targeted projects in the future.

(6) For the Guizhou Trip, it was the first time that ACC has invited so many local universities and colleges to introduce their characteristics and explore future cooperation with education officials face to face. It is believed that the trip will encourage more in-depth collaboration in the fields of but not limited to talent training and cultivation, teacher-and-student exchanges, and joint academic researches.

Through the trip, the understanding and friendship between ECTD team and AMS Embassy education officials has been further enhanced, which has laid a solid foundation for ECTD to deepen educational cooperation in the future.

ECTD will continue to follow up the cooperation intentions which AMS Embassy Education Officials have reached with the universities during the trip, and endeavour to build platforms and provide support for the promotion of substantive cooperation in future.

(7) The assistance provided to the education officials of the embassies fully reflects the role of the platform and bridge, and
effectively strengthened the friendship between the department and the education officials. The establishment of MoCs and practical collaboration with professional organizations such as CEAIE and CLEC will definitely help to enhance the influence of ACC, steadily expand cooperation areas and enrich the connotation of people-to-people exchanges.

**Mutual Appreciation through Cultural Exchanges and Interactions**

**【1. Background】**

Both ASEAN and China are blessed with a long history and splendid cultures. Strengthening cultural cooperation is of great significance to enhance mutual understanding and appreciation and achieve development. In recent years, people-to-people and cultural exchanges have become a new bright spot in ASEAN-China relations. Despite the impact of the pandemic, ACC endeavored to explore flexible ways to conduct colorful cultural activities in promoting cultural exchanges and practical cooperation.

**【2. Activities】**

1. **Attended the 15th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum**

On 8 December 2020, the 15th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Ms. Phoeurng Sackona, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, Mr. Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister of Religious Affairs and Culture of Myanmar and Mr. Itthiphol Kunplome, Minister of Culture of Thailand delivered video speeches. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Ms. Fan Xiaoli, Member of the Standing Committee and Head of the Publicity Department of CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee, Mr. Zhao Leqin, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People’s Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Secretary of CPC Guilin Municipal Committee, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, and consuls general or consulate general representatives of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand in Nanning and Guangzhou attended the forum. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai attended the forum and delivered remarks.

Mr. Zhang Xu highlighted in his speech that the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China in the fields of culture and tourism have broad development potential and prospects. Ms. Fan Xiaoli said that the China-ASEAN Cultural Forum is an important platform for enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between ASEAN and China. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his speech that ACC stands ready to work with all parties to deepen the two sides’ exchanges and cooperation in culture and tourism, and spare no effort to build a closer ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

On 7 December, Mr. Zhang Xu, Ms. Fan Xiaoli, Mr. Zhao Leqin, and Mr. Li Bin, Vice Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, had a collective meeting with Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, Mr. Pham Sao Mai, Ambassador of Viet Nam to China, and consuls general or consulate general
representatives of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand in Nanning and Guangzhou, exchanged views on further deepening the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the fields of culture and tourism. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the meeting.

The China-ASEAN Cultural Forum was co-hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and saw an attendance of over 200 representatives from competent authorities, academics, industry associations and international organizations either online or offline. The participants had extensive and in-depth exchanges on the theme of protection and inheritance of cultural heritage and tourism development. During the forum, the first China-ASEAN Culture and Arts Week was held, where nearly 100 activities in six categories were held in Nanning, Guilin and other places, including theme concerts, drama, art education achievement exhibitions, dance, and film shows.

(2) Attended “2020 Culture Performance for Brunei-China Tourism Year, Malaysia-China Culture and Tourism Year, Myanmar-China Culture and Tourism Year and ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition”

On 12 December 2020, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, “2020 Culture Performance for Brunei-China Tourism Year, Malaysia-China Culture and Tourism Year, Myanmar-China Culture and Tourism Year and ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition” were held in Beijing. Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei to China and spouse, ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai, Mr. Han Win Aung, then DCM and Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of Myanmar in China, Mr. Zalizam Zakari, Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of Malaysia, Mr. Xie Jinying, Director-General of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, and other invited guests attended the event.

Director-General Xie Jinying highlighted in his speech that having held a series of successful events in commemoration of the 2020 Culture and Tourism Year, China will continue to work with AMS to enhance culture and tourism exchanges and cooperation between the two sides. Ambassador Pehin Dato Rahmani praised the positive role played by the series of events of the Brunei-China Tourism Year. Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his address that the series events of 2020 Cultural Tourism Year of AMS and China knitted closer ties and cemented public support for the practical cooperation between the two sides.
Covering music, songs, dances, martial arts, acrobatics and other art forms, the performance displayed the unique artistic style and cultural charm of China, Brunei, Malaysia, Myanmar and other AMS. The ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition held at the same time showcased the important exchange events and achievements in the fields of culture and tourism between China and Brunei, Malaysia, Myanmar and other AMS in recent years through a wealth of photographs.

(3) Co-hosted “The Story of Time–24 Solar Terms” Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity

On 21 December 2020, co-hosted by ACC and Central Academy of Fine Arts of China (CAFA), “The Story of Time–24 Solar Terms” Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity was successfully held in Beijing. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, Mrs. Sih Elsiwi Handayani Oratmangun, Spouse of the Indonesian Ambassador, Mr. Sanmugan Subramaniam, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Malaysia, Mr. Lyu Pinjing, Vice President of CAFA, diplomats from all AMS Embassies, representatives from relevant administrations in Beijing, artists from CAFA and media attended the event.

Mr. Lyu Pinjing hoped that through this artistic event, a platform of coordination and innovation could be built, which could serve as a bridge of friendship between ASEAN and China for people-to-people exchanges and cooperation. Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh stated in her remarks that Lao PDR and other AMS share similar cultural customs with China, which proves that the connection between ASEAN and China goes far back in history. Mr. Chen Dehai highlighted in his speech that ACC will join hands with all parties, serve as a bridge for promoting people-to-people exchanges and make greater contributions to building a closer ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Colorful programmes were prepared for the Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity, such as the Peking Opera “the Drunken Beauty” and performances of Guqin, Xiao and Tai Chi. The guests also enjoyed the art exhibition of “The Story of Time: 24 Solar Terms”, tasted Winter Solstice food and joined with the artists from CAFA for on-site painting. In a delightful atmosphere, the guests experienced the unique charm of Chinese culture and looked into the bright prospects for ASEAN-China friendship.

“24 Solar Terms” was officially inscribed on UNESCO’s Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2016.
The Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity aimed at deepening people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation between the two sides by inviting AMS envoys to China to experience Chinese culture up close.

(4) Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2021 Culture City of East Asia • China Dunhuang Year of Activity

On 9 April 2021, the 2021 Culture City of East Asia•China Dunhuang Year of Activity was opened in Dunhuang, Gansu Province. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Ms. He Wei, Vice Governor of Gansu Province, Mr. Shimizu Fumio, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in China, Mr. Kim Byungkwun, Consul-General of the ROK in Xi’an, Mr. Som Visal, Consul-General of Cambodia in Xi’an, Mr. Kim Jingon, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of the ROK and Director of the Korean Cultural Centre, and other local officials attended the opening ceremony. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the event and launched the 2021 Culture City of East Asia•China Dunhuang Year of Activity with the guests.

At the opening ceremony, Vice Minister Zhang Xu awarded Dunhuang City the commemorative plaque of “Culture City of East Asia”. Representatives of Culture Cities of East Asia and experts from China, Japan and the ROK sent video messages and congratulatory letters online. The guests enjoyed the documentary “Dialogue between Mogao Grottoes and Angkor Wat” and the “The Charm of Dunhuang” performances. More than 500 participants attended the activities.

On 8 April, Ms. He Wei, Vice Governor of Gansu Province met with ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai and Mr. Som Visal, Consul-General of Cambodia in Xi’an. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening ties between Culture Cities of East Asia and the ASEAN Cities of Culture, and promoting people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation between Gansu Province and ASEAN Member States. During his stay in Dunhuang, Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited the themed cultural and creative exhibition of “Tide of Dunhuang”, the calligraphy and painting exhibition of “Infatuation with Dunhuang”, the Dunhuang exhibition of digital achievements “Beautiful City on the Silk Road”, and attended the Dunhuang Culture and Tourism Night and other activities with invited guests.
(5) Attended the Opening Ceremony of the ROK-China Ink Painting Exchange Exhibition

On 13 May 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the opening ceremony of the ROK-China Ink Painting Exchange Exhibition in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the establishment of the Korean Cultural Centre in China. More than 100 people attended the event, including Mr. Gao Zhanxiang, former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture of China, Mr. Qiu Guohong, former Chinese Ambassador to the ROK, Mr. Li Xikui, Vice President of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Mr. Jang Ha-sung, Ambassador of the ROK to China, Mr. Kim Jingon, Director of the Korean Cultural Centre in China, and representatives from diplomatic missions in China, cultural organizations, friendship associations, academia and media of the ROK and China. At the opening ceremony, the participants enjoyed more than 30 ink paintings and calligraphy works created by 9 artists from China and ROK, as well as performances by artists from both countries.

(6) Co-hosted 2021 ASEAN-China Fair in Beijing

On 14 September 2021, ACC co-hosted the 2021 ASEAN-China Fair with Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC) to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to China and spouse, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia and spouse, Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR and spouse, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia and spouse, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar, Ms. Shen Minjuan, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Ms. Liu Yuhong, Vice President of BPAFFC, Mr. Wang Wei, Member of Standing Committee of Yiwu Municipal Committee and Vice Mayor of Yiwu City, Zhejiang Province, diplomats from the embassies of AMS in China, as well as representatives of relevant ministries, organisations, universities, companies and media from both ASEAN and China, in total around 180 guests attended the event.

Mr. Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that by hosting the fair, ACC wishes to present the rich and colorful cultures of ASEAN and China, and provide a platform for lively interactions within the ASEAN-China family for future friendship and cooperation. Ms. Shen Minjuan emphasized that 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of ACC, which has become a bridge of friendship and a platform of cooperation for China and ASEAN with the joint efforts of both sides. China will continue to fully support ACC’s work. Ambassador Rahmani said that ASEAN appreciates China’s support for ASEAN Centrality in the regional cooperation and China’s constructive contributions towards ASEAN’s Community Building with the three pillars of political security, economy and social culture. Ms. Liu
Yuhong said that BPAFFC has been committed to enhancing mutual understanding, friendship, and mutual trust between Chinese people and AMS people, thus contributing to the closer ASEAN-China friendly civil society relations.

The ASEAN-China Fair showcased the colorful culture and arts as well as unique traditional cuisine of AMS, Beijing and Yiwu. Artists and friends from ASEAN and China presented wonderful performances such as dances, music, singing and martial arts. The invited guests visited the intangible cultural heritage display with great interest, experienced the Woodblock printing and Tang Dynasty pattern glass cushion making provided by China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, the gold lacquer painting provided by Beijing Eight Imperial Handicrafts Museum and the paper cutting provided by Yiwu City, Zhejiang Province.

(7) The Compilation and Release of the Pamphlets on ASEAN Culture Information

On 17 September 2021, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, continuously showcase the colorful cultures of AMS and the outcomes of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Building, and provide more information to the general public for better understanding of the development of ASEAN’s culture sector, the pamphlets on ASEAN culture information were released at the Reception in Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations.

The project of the compilation and release of the pamphlets on ASEAN culture information was hosted by ACC, co-organized by China Daily.com.cn and supported by AMS embassies in China. There are seven pamphlets in this series, namely ASEAN Cultural Heritage, ASEAN Intangible Cultural Heritage, ASEAN Cultural Festivals, ASEAN Culture and Arts, ASEAN City of Culture, ASEAN Cuisine, and ASEAN Costumes and Handicrafts, which contain more than 100,000 words in Chinese and English as well as colorful pictures.

(8) Attended the Opening Ceremony of Solo Exhibition for Mrs. Elsiwi Oratmangun, Wife of Indonesian Ambassador to China

On 16th November 2021, the solo exhibition titled “Along Her Way: Colorful Life on Canvas” for Mrs. Elsiwi Oratmangun, wife of the Indonesian Ambassador to China, was opened in Beijing. Ambassadors and their spouses from more than ten countries were present at the ceremony, including Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Romania, Uruguay and Colombia. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai attended and addressed the opening ceremony.
Mr. Chen Dehai thanked Mrs. Elsiwi Oratmangun for her contributions to promoting people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN and China, as well as for her long-standing support to ACC. He stated that painting is an art that connects people’s hearts and transcends borders. Mrs. Oratmangun’s art works combine eastern and western techniques and reflect the beauty of nature and the diversified cultures of the world. He emphasized that ACC is committed to promoting people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China, and would join hands with all parties to facilitate more such events to further enrich the ASEAN-China comprehensive strategic partnership.

Mrs. Elsiwi Oratmangun said the long history, rich culture and abundant landscapes of China were an inspiration for her paintings. She expressed willingness to continue to deepen the friendship between Indonesia and China and among peoples of different countries through painting. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China, expressed his appreciation for the presence of all guests. The guests praised on Mrs. Elsiwi Oratmangun’s art works and spoke highly of her strengthening cultural ties between Indonesia and the host countries, and displaying the charm of contemporary Indonesian women through her paintings with deep insight into the local cultures and landscapes.

(9) Attended the 2021 (22nd) Hainan Island Carnival

On 10 December 2021, the 22nd Hainan Island Carnival, jointly hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the
People’s Government of Hainan Province, was opened in Haikou. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Mao Wanchun, Chairman of Hainan Provincial CPPCC, Ms. Xiao Yingzi, Member of the Standing Committee and Head of the Publicity Department of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee, Mr. Kang Yaohong, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of Hainan Provincial People’s Congress, Mr. Wang Lu, Vice Governor of Hainan Province, Mr. Ung Vantha, Consul General of Cambodia in Haikou, representatives of culture and tourism departments from Hubei, Shaanxi, Hunan, Chongqing, Ningxia, Guangxi and other relevant provinces and cities in China were present at the opening ceremony of the event. Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC attended the opening ceremony and related activities upon invitation.

In Haikou, Deputy Director Ms. Li Yaying attended the opening ceremony of the 6th Hainan World Leisure Tourism Expo, the 7th Hainan International Tourism Food Expo and the 2nd Hainan International Tourism Equipment Expo, Promotion Conference of Tourism and Culture Industry of Hainan Free Trade Port, and the 4th ASEAN-China University Students’ Cultural Week. She also met with Ms. Sun Ying, Director-General of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sports of Hainan Province, and had extensive exchanges with other invited guests.

The 22nd Hainan Island Carnival lasted until 31 December in Haikou City as the main venue, and in other five cities including Sanya, Danzhou, Qionghai, Wanning and Wenchang as the sub-venues. More than 200 activities such as the Coconut Island Carnival, Hainan Art Festival and Seven Themed Tourist Routes were held during the Carnival.

(10) Supported and Attended the 4th ASEAN-China University Students’ Culture Week

On 11 December 2021, the Gala Performance and Award Ceremony of the 4th ASEAN-China University Students’ Cultural Week was held in Haikou, Hainan Province. Mr. Li Yong, Second Inspector of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sports of Hainan Province, Ms. Zhou Aoshuang, Deputy Director of Haikou Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, Mr. Chen Xiao, President of Haikou University of Economics, Mr. Ith Kimsour, Consul of the Consulate-General of Cambodia in Haikou, Mr. Lu Haibo, Member of the State Film Censorship Board, Mr. Kang Jianmin, Former Branch Party Secretary of China Film Association, Ms. Huang Jinduo, Former Director of Academic Affairs Office of the Central Academy of Drama, Mr. Li Hong, Secretary General of the National Alliance of Film Channels, Ms. Zheng Kainan, Honorary Chairman of Shenzhen Film and Television Association as well as other judges and winners of the competitions were present at the event. Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC was invited to attend the event and present awards to the winners.

Mr. Chen Xiao stated in his remarks that the ASEAN-China University Students’ Culture Week aims at promoting cultural exchanges among university students of ASEAN Member States (AMS), Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) as well as other countries along the Belt and Road, building a platform for friendship and communication, inspiring content creativity of young people, and cultivating more outstanding young talents under the multicultural background. Ms. Li Yaying stated in her address that ACC is
ready to joint hands with all parties to consolidate the foundation of friendship and cooperation through youth exchanges, strengthen people-to-people ties through mutual learning among cultures, promote the sustainable development of ASEAN-China relations, and contribute to the building of an amicable home for both sides.

The 4th ASEAN-China University Students’ Culture Week is one of the series activities of the 22nd Hainan Island Carnival, under the guidance of ACC and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sports of Hainan Province, and organised by Haikou University of Economics both online and offline. The event consists of two major sections: the University Student Short Film Contest and the University Student Singing Contest. Students from AMS and China, countries along the Belt and Road as well as Japan, the ROK took part in the competition. At the Gala Performance and Award Ceremony, students from Haikou University of Economics, Qiongtai Normal University and international students in Hainan presented artistic performances with both national traditions and exotic customs.

(11) Contributed an Article to China Report Magazine

In accordance with ACC’s Working Calendar, ECTD has drafted an article entitled “Further Deepen ASEAN-China Relations through Culture Exchanges and Cooperation”, which has been contributed to the May 2021 issue of the China Report Magazine. It elaborated on the efforts and achievements ACC has made in the past 10 years since its establishment to promote cultural exchanges and practical cooperation between ASEAN and China.

(12) Networking and Interaction with ACC’s Partners:

On 7 April 2021, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Ms. Fan Xiaoli, Member of the Standing Committee and Head of the Publicity Department of CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee. They exchanged views on China-ASEAN Cultural Forum as well as enhancing practical cooperation on culture and tourism between ASEAN Member States and Guangxi.
On 18 May 2021, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Kim Jingon, Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of ROK and Director of the Korean Cultural Centre in China. They exchanged views on strengthening mutual support and coordination, and deepening ASEAN Plus Three (APT) cultural exchanges and cooperation.

On 28 May 2021, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division (GACD) of ACC, and Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD), met with Mr. Ito Naoto, Counsellor of the Information and Culture Centre of the Embassy of Japan in China. The two sides exchanged views on maintaining and strengthening friendly relations between ACC and the Embassy and jointly promoting ASEAN Plus Three (APT) cooperation in culture and other areas.

On 7 July 2021, Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division
(ECTD) of ACC met with Ms. Lin Huichao, Deputy Director of Nanning Municipal Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television and Tourism. The two sides exchanged views on the preparation of the 9th China-ASEAN Theatre Week and enhancing exchanges and cooperation between AMS and Nanning in various fields including culture and tourism.

On 10 November 2021, Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC met with the Director of the Publicity Department of CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, exchanged views on the mutual exchanges between AMS and Beijing.

[3. Outcomes]

The above activities provide an opportunity for ACC to build closer ties with AMS embassies, local governments, cultural institutions, organizations, experts and local people of both ASEAN and China. With culture as a link, ACC has helped people of both sides expand the scope of cultural exchanges, in order to better understand each other, explore future cooperation opportunities and
Common Development of Creative Production Capacity and Cultural Industry

【1. Background】

Cultural industry is taking up a bigger share in the industrial layout of AMS and China. One of the most effective measures to foster the inner driving force of cultural industry is to improve its creative production capacity. Both ASEAN and China have the willingness, demand and potential to carry out cooperation. ACC made great efforts to explore new ways to promote common development of creative production capacity and cultural industry of both sides.

【2. Activities】

(1) Co-hosted the Joint Performances and Photo Exhibition in Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations at the Thai Festival 2021

On 24 April 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the opening ceremony of the Thai Festival 2021 in Beijing. Ambassadors to China, including Mr. Arthayudh Srisamooot, Ambassador of Thailand, Mrs. Khef M. Caimely, Ambassador of Cambodia, Mr. Vikram Misri, Ambassador of India, Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Z.A., Ambassador of Malaysia, Ms. Clare P. Fearnley, Ambassador of New Zealand, Mr. Jose S. L. Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Philippines, Ms. Fang Hong, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Fu Xuezhang, Mr. Zhang Jiuhuan and Mr. Guan Mu, former Chinese ambassadors to Thailand, and representatives of AMS and other countries attended the event. The guests visited the photo exhibition with the theme of “30 Years Shared Glory with Diversified Splendors” in celebration of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, which was co-hosted by ACC and the Royal Thai Embassy in China, and showcased the history, culture and natural scenery of AMS and China. They enjoyed performances...
presented by Chinese and Thai artists, including songs and dances, traditional opera, instrumental music, martial arts, tea ceremony, magic shows and acrobatics. The guests also explored the distinctive Thai booths with great interest.

The Thai Festival 2021 was held from 24 to 25 April at the Thai Ambassador’s residence. The event was open to public and attracted around 2,500 participants. Other main events included food and tourism promotion, products display and sale. Online activities such as Thai singing and short video contest were also featured in this event.

(2) Co-organized the 16th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum

On 23 July 2021, the 16th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Ms. Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, Mr. Itthiphol Kunplome, Minister of Culture of Thailand delivered video speeches. Ms. Fan Xiaoli, Member of the Standing Committee and Head of the Publicity Department of CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee, Mr. Li Bin, Vice Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Xie Jinying, Director-General of Bureau of International Exchanges and Cooperation of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Ms. Natthira Krasaesarn, Minister-Counsellor of the Royal Thai Embassy in China, and consuls general of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam in Nanning attended the forum. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai addressed the opening ceremony of the forum.

Ms. Fan Xiaoli hoped that through this forum, people can share experience, discuss cooperation, enhance friendship and promote the common prosperity and development of cultural industry. Mr. Xie Jinying stated that China is willing to share with AMS experience and promote the development of cultural industries with ASEAN in cultural creativity, animation, games, performances and exhibitions, cultural equipment manufacturing production, digital culture industry, and integration of culture and tourism. Mr. Chen Dehai highlighted in his speech that ACC has been exploring new ways for innovation and development of cultural industry of both sides, aiming at building more platforms for exchanges and cooperation among the governments, associations, academics and enterprises.

On 22 July, Mr. Li Bin had a collective meeting with Mr. Chen Dehai and diplomatic envoys of AMS in China, and exchanged views on further deepening the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the field of culture.

With the theme of “High-Quality Development and International Cooperation of Cultural Industry”, the forum was co-hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and co-organized by ACC. Around 300 representatives from relevant ministries, cultural organizations, institutions, associations, academics and enterprises, attended the event in person or online. The participants had extensive and in-depth exchanges on the topics of “Shared and Win-win Development: The Path to Achieve ASEAN-China Cultural Industry Cooperation and High-Quality Development”, “Integrated Development of Culture and Tourism Industry Under the Belt and Road”.

(3) Supported the “ASEAN Guest of Honour” Project of the 11th Beijing International Film Festival

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, and the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation, the “ASEAN Guest of Honour” Project of the 11th Beijing International Film Festival (BJIFF) was successfully held from 23 to 25 September 2021. ACC was invited to be the supporter of the project.

On 23 September, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China and spouse, diplomats from the Embassy of Indonesia in Beijing, and representatives of Indonesian film organizations such as Nanyang Bridge Media (Beijing) attended the Indonesian film Market Screening in Beijing. Ambassador Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun also accepted interviews with journalists from China Report ASEAN of the China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration and ANTARA News Agency of Indonesia.

This year’s BJIFF was hosted by the People’s Government of Beijing Municipality and China Media Group under the guidance of the China Film Administration. The Beijing Film Market (BFM) section of the BJIFF launched the “ASEAN Guest of Honour” Project for the first time, featuring two ASEAN member states Indonesia and Thailand, and invited the representatives from the Embassy of Indonesia and the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing as well as film organizations of the two countries to participate in several activities of BJIFF for facilitating two-way cooperation, such as Online Exhibition, Briefing of Film Industry Policies and Market Screening. Mr. Yaya Sutarya, Education and Culture Counsellor of the Embassy of Indonesia in Beijing, introduced the general situation and related policies of film shooting in Indonesia.

Film companies recommended by the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing showcased a number of Thai movies during the Online Exhibition, covering different genres such as comedy, fantasy, thriller, horror, romance and animation. Two Indonesian movies, Susi Susanti: Love All and A Man Called Ahok, were selected to meet with guests and buyers during the first Market Screening. Both movies are biopics about contemporary Indonesian legends, with excellent audio-visual effects, reflecting the mature film production level of Indonesia.

The “ASEAN Guest of Honour” Project aimed at further strengthening the ties between ASEAN and China in the cultural industry, especially the film industry, so as to deepen friendly exchanges and practical cooperation between the two sides.

(4) Attended the 2021 International Cooperation Forum in Culture and Tourism Industries at the 4th China International Import Expo

On 6 November 2021, “The Global Practice of Culture Industry Empowering Rural Revitalization—2021 International Cooperation Forum in Culture and Tourism Industries” was held in Shanghai. Mr. Gao Zheng, Director General of Industry Department of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Jin Lei, Deputy Director General of the Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani,
Ambassador of Brunei to China, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Z. A., Ambassador of Malaysia to China, Mr. Thong Rathasak, Director General of Tourism Development and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia, Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) delivered remarks at the forum.

This forum is one of the official supporting activities of the 4th China International Import Expo, under the guidance of the Industry Department of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, and organised by the National Base for International Cultural Trade (Shanghai). Nearly one thousand representatives from cultural and tourism authorities, institutions, associations, academics and media, participated in the forum either online or offline. The participants shared their working practices and successful cases, explored the future development trends, and conducted extensive and in-depth discussions under the theme of “Culture Industry Empowering Rural Revitalization”.

【3. Outcomes】

Cultural and creative industry development is on the rise across the world and has become a new growth area for the economy. The above activities enhanced the awareness among general public and professionals about the potentials of ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation on cultural and creative industry, provided authoritative channels for ASEAN and Chinese enterprises and associations to interact directly with each other as well as with central and provincial government officials and encourage cooperation and investment in each other’s market.

Children’s Cultural Enlightenment for Friendship and Cooperation

【1. Background】

Children are the future of nations and shoulder great responsibility in building ASEAN-China relations. The promotion of ASEAN-China children’s exchanges provides a solid foundation for people to build trust and friendship. ACC has carried out various activities online and offline to deepen understanding and affection between the children of both sides.

【2. Activities】

(1) Updated the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges

As a long-term internet information and activity platform, the Website for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges has published more than 700 pieces of news and information on ASEAN-China children’s activities since its launching in 2016. A column was set up on ACC’s website to synchronously update the news. Related information was also published on ACC’s official social media platforms Weibo and WeChat.

In consideration of making more connections with the public, a new version of the Website came into service in June 2020, introducing more people-to-people and cultural information as well as popular digital cultural resources of ASEAN and China online, while updating the news and important programmes related to ASEAN-China Children’s friendship and cooperation. The updating frequency and the number of clicks on articles have been effectively increased.
(2) Attended the 2nd China-ASEAN Children’s Publishing Forum

On 16 September 2021, the 2nd China-ASEAN Children’s Publishing Forum was held in Beijing. Mr. Wu Shulin, Executive Vice President of the Publishers Association of China, Mr. Xia Yunhai, Deputy Director-General of External Promotion Bureau of the Publicity Department of the Central Committee of the CPC, Mr. Zhang Mingzhou, President of International Board on Books for Young People, Ms. Lin Liying, Deputy General Manager of China National Publication Import & Export (Group) Co., Ltd, Mr. Bai Bing, Editor-in-Chief of Jieli Publishing House attended the forum. Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ACC attended the forum and delivered remarks.

Mr. Wu Shulin said in his speech that children’s publishing work is the foundation for mutual communication and understanding between people of different countries. Mr. Zhang Mingzhou believes that the development of children’s publishing and the expansion of international exchanges is the trend of the times. Ms. Li Yaying expected that the publishers from children’s publishing industry of ASEAN and China shall use books as a bridge to encourage common development of children’s literature and publishing industry of both sides.

As one of the series activities of the 28th Beijing International Book Fair, this forum adopted a combination of online and offline forms and is co-organized by China National Publication Import & Export (Group) Co., Ltd and Jieli Publishing House. Representatives of 13 publishing organisations from six AMS, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and two publishing houses from Nepal and Sri Lanka, as well as 23 children’s publishing houses from China, participated in the forum. Participants had an in-depth discussion on the theme of the “Changes in Children’s Publishing Market in China and ASEAN Countries and the Cooperation Strategies in Post-pandemic Era”. The forum also released the “ASEAN-China Children Books Cooperation Project”, inviting more publishers from AMS and China to join the project, and using high-quality children’s books as a bridge to promote cultural exchanges between the youths of both sides.

【3. Outcomes】

The above exchanges and activities between the children of ASEAN and China strengthened mutual friendship and understanding through cultural exchanges, and provided great opportunities for both sides to learn their diversified cultures. By enhancing mutual understanding and interactions among the children, these activities also aim at promoting peace and stability of ASEAN-China relations for a long term.
Promoting the Quality of ASEAN-China Tourism Destinations

【1. Background】

Both ASEAN and China are important tourist sources and travel destinations in the world. Facing the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the two-way tourist traffic between ASEAN and China has been severely restricted, and tourism is yet to be recovered and further developed. In this unique period of time, ACC continues to introduce the colorful cultural resources and travel routes of ASEAN as a single destination by online and offline platforms, so as to let all the potential tourists get to know AMS as their preferred travel destinations and provide a solid foundation for future tourism exchange and cooperation between ASEAN and China.

【2. Activities】

(1) Supported and Attended Relevant Activities of International Mountain Tourism Alliance Annual Conference 2020

On 18 November 2020, International Mountain Tourism Alliance (IMTA) Annual Conference 2020 was opened in Guiyang City, Guizhou Province. Mr. Dominique de Villepin, Chairman of IMTA, Mr. Zhu Shanzhong, Executive Director of UNWTO, Ms. Gloria Guevara, CEO and President of WTTC delivered video speeches. H.E. Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Ambassador of Nepal to China, Mr. Lu Yongzheng, Member of the Standing Committee and Director of Publicity Department of the CPC Guizhou Committee, Mr. Hu Zhongxiong, Vice Governor of Guizhou Province, Mr. Shao Qiwei, Vice Chairman of IMTA, Mr. He Yafei, Secretary-General of IMTA, Mr. Xie Jinying, Director-General of the International Exchanges and Cooperation Bureau of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the Annual Conference and delivered remarks at the opening ceremony.

Delegations of diplomatic missions from several countries including Lao PDR, the Philippines, Japan and France in China, representatives from international organizations, IMTA members, tourism industry experts, scholars and entrepreneurs, totaling over 300 participants attended the conference. In-depth discussions on the recovery and revitalization of the post-COVID-19 tourism industry and the development path of international mountain tourism in the post-COVID-19 era were conducted through online and offline formats. As one of supporters of the 2020 IMTA Annual Conference, ACC signed MOU with IMTA at the conference.

During his stay in Guiyang, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai also met with Mr. Chen Li, Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province, and exchanged views on strengthening exchanges and cooperation between AMS and Guizhou in the field of people-to-people exchanges.

(2) Participated in the Seminar on Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance

On 29 December 2020, the Seminar on Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance was held in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Wang Fukang, former Chinese Ambassador to Maldives, Mr. Hu Wanjin, Vice Mayor of Nanjing, representatives of diplomatic missions of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam, ACC and Chinese member cities of the Alliance attended the seminar.

Mr. Zhang Xu highlighted in his speech that the process of institutional building for Lancang-Mekong tourism cooperation entered a period of rapid development and hoped that participants would conduct in-depth exchanges and build up consensus on regional tourism planning, cultural and tourism integration, marketing mechanisms and destination promotion so as to jointly revitalize tourism industry and sustain economic prosperity in the region. Mr. Hu Wanjin briefed on the major cultural and tourism resources and industrial development of Nanjing as well as its tentative plans for strengthening cooperation with the Lancang-Mekong tourist cities.

The seminar focused on the draft Work Plan on Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance and its Five-Year Plan of Action, and put forward suggestions and recommendations accordingly. ACC representative gave an overview of its contribution to the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation in terms of tourism and relevant flagship programmes of ACC in recent years. ACC stands ready to
work with Lancang-Mekong countries to enhance regional tourism cooperation.

Up to now, 13 cities of China have joined the Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance, namely Nanjing, Hangzhou, Xiamen, Changsha, Guangzhou, Nanning, Haikou, Chongqing, Chengdu, Guiyang, Kunming and Xi’an.

(3) Supported and Attended the China-ASEAN Forum on Digital Culture and Tourism Collaboration and Relevant Activities

On 8 December 2020, the China-ASEAN Forum on Digital Culture and Tourism Collaboration was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Madam Chen Lihua, Chairperson of the CPPCC Guilin Municipal Committee and representatives from tourism sector, enterprises, think tanks and media attended the forum.

In his remarks, Vice Minister Zhang Xu stated that digital economy stood for a new direction for sustainable development and hoped this Forum would help revitalize tourism recovery and growth under the new normal conditions.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai addressed the Forum and said 2020 marked the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, and both sides have supported and cooperated with each other in various fields of digital economy including 5G, AI, smart cities, e-commerce and big data. ACC will continue to join hands with its partners to push forward ASEAN-China cooperation in the field of digital economy, especially in the culture and tourism industry.

On the same day, the 15th China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition (CAEXPOTE) was inaugurated in Guilin. Vice Minister Zhang Xu, Mr. Zhao Leqin, Secretary of the CPC Guilin Municipal Committee, Mr. Li Bin, Vice Chairman of the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. U Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Thai Ambassador to China, Mr. Pham Sao Mai, Ambassador of Viet Nam to China, and Secretary-General Chen Dehai were present at the inauguration ceremony and exhibition tour. Madam Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, Minister of Tourism of the Philippines, Guest Country of Honor of CAEXPOTE 2020, sent a congratulatory message via video. All AMS set up pavilions in the exhibition. ACC set up a pavilion to help promote ASEAN tourism and conducted interactive activities at the International Hall during the 3-day exhibition from 8-10 December.

The two events were co-organized by Culture and Tourism Ministry of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and supported by ACC. Secretary-General Chen Dehai also attended the 15th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum, the Opening Ceremony of the 10th Guilin International Scenery Culture and Tourism Festival, and the Opening Performance of the China-ASEAN Culture and Arts Week in Guilin.

(4) Attended the 24th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers and the 20th Meeting of ASEAN Plus China, Japan and ROK Tourism Ministers

On 4 February 2021, the 24th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers was convened online and chaired by Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended and addressed the Meeting, themed “Unite for Sustainable and Responsible Tourism Recovery”.

In his remarks, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN hoped that regional tourism could be recovered as soon as possible through joint efforts by
all the relevant partners. He also expressed appreciation towards the continuous efforts by ACC, AJC and AKC on regional tourism revitalization and development.

When addressing the Meeting, Secretary-General Chen Dehai mentioned that 2021 is a milestone year for ASEAN and China as it has ushered in the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations. Facing the new normal of battling the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitating economic recovery, both sides may enhance cooperation in many industries including tourism, public health, digital technology and human resources development.

The delegates discussed important agenda including the outcomes of the 37th ASEAN Summit, reports by ASEAN National Tourism Organizations and implementation of the Joint Statement of the Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers on Strengthening Cooperation to Revitalize ASEAN Tourism.

On 5 February, Secretary General Chen Dehai attended the 20th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three (China, Japan and ROK) Tourism Ministers and exchanged views online with his counterparts on the APT Tourism Cooperation Work Plan 2021-2025 and other relevant agenda.

(5) Attended the 53rd Meeting of ASEAN NTOs and the 38th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs

On 2 Feb 2021, the 53rd Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) was held online. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Thong Rathasak, Director-General of Tourism Development International Cooperation of the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia. Over 80 delegates from ASEAN NTOs, the ASEAN Secretariat, ACC, AJC, AKC, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), ASEAN travel associations and other relevant organizations joined the meeting and shared their understandings on regional tourism recovery and development.

During the meeting, ACC representative gave a detailed presentation on the role of ACC, the latest figures of ASEAN-China tourism market, ACC’s key achievements and activities in 2020 and the preliminary Work Programme of 2021 in the field of tourism cooperation. ASEAN NTOs and other relevant organizations appreciated ACC’s sustained efforts in promoting ASEAN tourism and reiterated their interest in strengthening tourism cooperation with ACC in the future.

The meeting discussed a series of issues on regional tourism projects, strategies and measures. On 3 February 2021, ACC representative also attended the 38th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs via video link and broadly exchanged views with other delegates on regional tourism initiatives.

(6) Supported and Attended Online Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Promotion

On 3 March 2021, the Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Promotion hosted by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) was held online. The delegates of the ASEAN Secretariat, ACC and the relevant promotion partners attended the Meeting by video link.

The delegate of the ASEAN Secretariat introduced the new strategic thrusts and measures of promoting ASEAN tourism under the current conditions facing the COVID-19 pandemic and afterwards and suggested that the feasible working programmes of all the relevant partners should be synergized so as to revitalize regional tourism jointly. The ACC representative introduced the ongoing flagship tourism projects and major activities of Chinese tour guide training and online promotional campaigns. The participants hoped that all the relevant partners including the ASEAN Secretariat and ACC would strengthen their contacts and coordination on joint tourism promotion.

(7) Organized the Month of ASEAN Culture and Tourism in Beijing

On 11 April 2021, the activity of Month of ASEAN Culture and Tourism organized by ACC was launched in Yonghe Book Court, Beijing. The representatives from publishing houses, media, academic institutes and travel agents attended the Launching Ceremony. The representative of ACC introduced the main cultural and tourism resources of ASEAN and ASEAN-China people-to-people exchanges and cooperation in recent years. Three experts gave lectures on Buddhism heritage in AMS such as Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand.

On 8 May 2021, Guiyang Culture and Tourism Presentation, namely, Guiyang Day of Month of ASEAN Culture and Tourism was successfully co-organized by Guiyang Culture and Tourism Administration and ACC in Yonghe Book Court during the Month of ASEAN Culture and Tourism. The preparations for ASEAN (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week 2021 were shared with the representatives from media, catering enterprises and travel agencies of Beijing.

In the Book Court, a specially-designed book stall was set up for displaying ASEAN Travel Routes, Newsletters, Annual Reports printed by ACC and other relevant books focusing on ASEAN. The Month of ASEAN Culture and Tourism lasted until
(8) Attended Inauguration Ceremony of GLTU & LCB Brunei-China International Tourism Talent Training Center

On 20 April, 2021, the Inauguration Ceremony of GLTU & LCB Brunei-China International Tourism Talent Training Center was held online. Over 30 representatives of ACC, Chinese Embassy in Brunei, Education Department of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guilin Tourism University (GLTU) of China, Laksamana College of Business (LCB) of Brunei and other relevant institutes attended the activity.

The Training Centre aims to enhance Chinese language and tourism education exchanges between the two institutes and contribute to practical cooperation between Brunei and China.

(9) Attended 2021 WTA Urban Tourism Dialogue

On 22 April 2021, ACC representative attended the World Tourism Alliance (WTA) Urban Tourism Dialogue in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, by online and offline platforms. The representatives of governmental organizations, diplomatic missions, tourism enterprises, think tanks and media joined the Dialogue. Mr. Shi Zhanyong, Deputy Mayor of Zhengzhou City, Mr. Duan Qian, Chairman of WTA, Mr. Liu Shijun, Secretary-General of WTA and well-known experts made keynote addresses at the Dialogue.

With a theme of Keys to Building a Regional Central City for Tourism, Urban Tourism Dialogue was one of the main activities under the umbrella of the 7th International Mayor’s Forum on Tourism - Zhengzhou, China. ACC representatives extensively exchanged views with other representatives on such topics as tourism destination building, media roles and urban tourism development along the Yellow River economic belt. On 21 April, ACC representative also attended the Mayor’s Forum.
(10) Attended China Wuling Culture and Tourism Summit 2021

From 26 to 28 May 2021, ACC representative attended China Wuling Culture and Tourism Summit in Chongqing City. About 1,000 representatives of China’s central governmental organizations, local culture and tourism authorities, travel associations, enterprises, media and other sectors attended the summit. Mr. Wang Xiaofeng, Member of the CPC Leadership Group of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Zhang Ming, Member of the Standing Committee and Director General of the Publicity Department of the CPC Chongqing Municipal Committee, Mr. Huang Zonghua, Secretary of the CPC Wulong District Committee, Mr. Dai Bin, President of China Tourism Academy addressed the Summit, and offered suggestions on the development of cultural and tourism industry in Wuling Mountain area.

The summit comprised a series of events including the Opening Ceremony and Forum, Wuling Mountain Culture and Tourism Development Alliance Conference, Tourism Products Exhibition, Culture and Tourism Projects Presentation, etc. ACC representatives extensively exchanged views with other participants on such topics as mountain tourism revitalization and development of ASEAN-China tourism cooperation.

(11) Organized ASEAN Culture and Tourism Exhibition in Beijing

On 4 June 2021, ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition was launched at the China Ethnic Museum in Beijing. The representatives from Chinese culture and tourism organizations, Embassies of AMS, civil societies, enterprises, media and institutes attended the Opening Ceremony and the following Seminar on Culture and Tourism which were co-organized by ACC and the Chinese Cultural Heritage Protection Foundation.

In her remarks at the Opening Ceremony, Madam Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC noted that the bilateral relationship and cooperation between ASEAN and China has made remarkable achievements. ACC would like to make this Culture and Tourism Exhibition a valuable platform for promoting culture and tourism resources of ASEAN and China, sharing experience in business revitalization and development and deepening friendship and cooperation between ASEAN and China.

Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Counsellor of Education and Culture of Embassy of Lao PDR in China reaffirmed the importance of people-to-people exchanges for ASEAN-China relationship. The Exhibition was essential to promote culture and tourism exchanges between ASEAN and China and further help to vitalize social-economic development.
The Exhibition 2021 fully showcased the typical cultural and tourism resources and colorful ethnic features of ASEAN and China via nearly 200 pieces of attractive pictures. Themed “Explore Splendor of ASEAN and Carry forward Traditional Friendship”, the Exhibition lasted 18 days from 4 to 21 June 2021.

(12) Supported and Attended the 2021 China (Xiamen) International Leisure Tourism Forum

On 19 June 2021, the 2021 China (Xiamen) International Leisure Tourism Forum was held in Xiamen International Conference and Exhibition Center. Madam Li Yaying, Deputy Director of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC, Mr. Dāi Bīn, President of China Tourism Academy, Zhang Quan, Director of Xiamen Culture and Tourism Administration and representatives from governmental organizations, enterprises, academics, international organizations and other entities attended the Forum.

When addressing the Forum, Deputy Director Li Yaying stated that after the COVID-19 pandemic, East Asia will be surely one of the important regions boasting rapid recovery and better development. ACC is ready to fully play its role as a one-stop information and activity center promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in various fields.

At the forum, themed “Leisure Travel, from Urban to Rural Areas”, President Dāi Bīn delivered a keynote presentation entitled “My Dream of Well-off Tourism Block”, in which he shared his new insights on development of urban commercial areas and leisure tourism blocks. Other experts and scholars shared their understandings and exchanged experience on subjects including new era of home-stay tourism, tourism branding and promotion, and digitalization of rural tourism development.

The Forum was one of the main affiliated events of the 7th China (Xiamen) International Leisure Tourism Forum (ILTF) 2021.

(13) Attended the 54th Meeting of ASEAN NTOs and Relevant Meetings

On 7 July 2021, the 54th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) was held online. The meeting was co-chaired by the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia. Over 100 representatives from the ASEAN NTOs, the ASEAN Secretariat, ACC, AJC, AKC, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), ASEAN travel associations and other relevant organizations joined the meeting and exchanged views on regional tourism recovery and development.
During the meeting, Ms. Li Yaying, Deputy Director of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC gave a detailed presentation on the role of ACC, the latest figures of China’s domestic tourism market, ACC’s key achievements and activities in the first half of 2021 and upcoming activities in the second half of the year in the field of tourism. The ASEAN NTOs and other relevant organizations expressed their appreciation for ACC’s continuous efforts in promoting friendly exchanges between ASEAN and China and expressed their hope in strengthening cooperation with ACC in the field of tourism destination development in the future.

The meeting discussed a series of issues on regional tourism programme, strategies and measures. The participating experts shared their insights and made analysis on the situation of regional tourism market. On 8 July 2021, ACC representative attended the 39th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs via video link and exchanged views with other participants on the regional tourism scenario.

(14) Participated in Xi’an Silk Road International Tourism Expo 2021

From 16 to 18 July 2021, the 2021 Xi’an Silk Road International Tourism Expo (XSRITE 2021) was held in Xi’an International Exhibition and Conference Center. Mr. Fernando Rugris, Ambassador of Uruguay, the Guest Country of Honor, Mr. Yang Guanjun, Vice Chairman of the CPPCC Shaanxi Provincial Committee, Mr. Gao Yang, Director-General of the Shaanxi Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Zhang Xilong, Deputy Director-General of the International Exchanges and Cooperation Bureau at the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, attended the Opening Ceremony and the VIP Tour. ACC representatives attended relevant activities upon invitation.

With a view to facilitating regional tourism recovery and development, ACC set up a booth featuring ASEAN heritage at the XSRITE 2021, distributing ASEAN tourism pamphlets and souvenirs and conducting interesting Q&As. ACC representatives extensively exchanged views with other participants on silk road tourism cooperation during a series of activities in Xi’an, such as the VIP Meeting hosted by Shaanxi Provincial Government, Shaanxi Tourism Promotion, and the Opening Ceremony of the XSRITE 2021.

With the theme of “Opening-up with New Innovation Concepts and Integrating Culture and Tourism along the Silk Road”, the XSRITE 2021 attracted more than 800 cultural and tourism entities from 15 countries and regions, and 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities of China. The total exhibition area covered about 42,000 square meters. AMS including Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand participated in the Expo.

(15) Supported and Attended the 8th Sichuan International Travel Expo

From 3 to 5 September 2021, the ACC Delegation headed by Madam Li Yaying, Deputy Director of ECTD, participated in the major events of the 8th Sichuan International Travel Expo in Leshan, Sichuan Province, and broadly exchanged views with other
delegations on regional tourism revitalization and development. The Expo featured over 10 major events including the Opening Ceremony, Emei Forum, Tourism Commodities Competition, Human Resources Summit and Leshan Tourism Presentation. Its theme was Quality Development of Culture and Tourism Industry. The Republic of Korea (ROK) was the Guest Country of Honor and Henan Province was the Guest Province of Honor. ACC was one of the Supporting Partners for the Expo.

16) Supported China-ASEAN College Students Tourism Innovation Competition
On 16 September 2021, the Awarding Ceremony of China-ASEAN College Students Tourism Innovation Competition was held online, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Madam Lin Na, Party Secretary of Guilin Tourism University delivered remarks, congratulating all the winners and participants from the universities of ASEAN and China. There were totally 162 participating teams from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. Among them, 102 were from China, and the others were from the ASEAN Member States. The prizes were awarded to 32 excellent tourism works, including 4 first prizes, 8 second prizes and 20 third prizes.

17) Supported and Attended China-ASEAN International Forum on Traditional Medicine and Health Tourism
On 13 October 2021, the China-ASEAN International Forum on Traditional Medicine and Health Tourism was held in Bama County, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Li Bin, Vice Chairman of the People’s Government of Guangxi Region, Mr. Huang Luqi, Deputy Head of the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Mr. Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia, Dr. Bounfeng Phoummalaysith, Minister of Health of Lao PDR, and Dr. Sopan Mekthon, Vice Minister of Public Health of Thailand addressed the Opening Session. Madam Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) exchanged views with other delegates on traditional medicine and health tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China. A large variety of delegates from Cultural, tourism and medical entities and foreign diplomatic missions in China attended the Forum.

The Forum was jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of China, and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and supported by ACC. It focused on the latest development trend of traditional medicine and tourism industry in the context of regular prevention and control against the COVID-19 pandemic. The experts from across China shared their insights on integrated development of traditional medicine and health tourism and put forward suggestions on quality development of health tourism.

18) Supported and Attended the China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition (CAEXPOTE)
On 15 October 2021, the China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition (CAEXPOTE) was inaugurated in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Li Bin, Vice Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang
Autonomous Region, Mr. Thorir Ibsen, Ambassador of Iceland to China, Ms. Benjamas Tanvetyanont, Consul-General of Thailand in Nanning and other VIP delegates attended the Inauguration Ceremony. Mr. Phiphat Ratchakitprakan, Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, the Guest Country of Honor, delivered virtual remarks. Madam Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) joined the Inauguration Ceremony, Exhibition Halls Touring, Summit Forum and other relevant activities in Guilin. On 15 October, the delegates of ACC also attended CAEXPOTE Summit Forum with the theme of Digital Culture and Tourism, Travel the World Freely. Deputy Director Li Yaying addressed the Forum and exchanged views with other delegates on ASEAN-China tourism cooperation.

CAEXPOTE was sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and supported by ACC. The theme of CAEXPOTE 2021 was Deepening Belt & Road Cooperation and Pushing forward Quality Development of Tourism Industry. The total exhibition area covered about 25,000 square meters. ACC set up its unique pavilion in the International Hall and promoted ASEAN tourism via displaying the ASEAN cultural and travel features, organizing a travel business round-table symposium and responding to inquiries from the visitors during the 3-day exhibition from 15-17 October.

(19) Attended Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance Conference and Lancang-Mekong Mayor Forum on Culture and Tourism

On 21 October 2021, the Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance Conference and Lancang-Mekong Mayor Forum on Culture and Tourism was held in Chongqing, southwest China. Mr. Du Jiang, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Cai Yunge, Vice Mayor of Chongqing City, Mr. Wang Fukang, Ambassador of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Madam. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Lao Ambassador to China, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Myanmar Ambassador to China, Mr. Sokhemrak Yos, Cambodian Consul-general in Chongqing attended and addressed the activities. Mr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia delivered an online congratulatory message for the Conference, and Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Thai Ambassador to China made a
virtual speech. Madam Li Yaying, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC attended relevant activities in Chongqing and exchanged views with other delegates on Lancang-Mekong tourism cooperation. The delegates from tourist cities of Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam joined the activities, offline or online, and exchanged views with each other on Lancang-Mekong tourism initiatives.

The Work Plan on Lancang-Mekong Tourist Cities Cooperation Alliance and its Five-Year Plan of Action were approved by the Conference. Chongqing Initiative on Lancang-Mekong Tourism Cooperation was also released during the Conference, calling on all relevant parties to join hands in building a new practical mechanism of extensive consultation and shared benefits. Following the Conference, 3 sub-forums of Lancang-Mekong Mayor Forum on Culture and Tourism were held in parallel, focusing on post-pandemic tourism recovery and safety coordination mechanism between regional cities, Lancang-Mekong cities cooperation and internationalization of inland cities, and tourism development and rural poverty reduction, respectively. Tourism Officer of ACC participated in the first sub-forum and made a detailed presentation on regional tourism safety coordination mechanism as well as ACC’s tourism flagship projects. A series of other activities including cultural performance by youths of the Lancang-Mekong countries, Lancang-Mekong culture and tourism photo exhibition and small tourism commodities fair, experiential exhibition of intangible cultural heritage items of Chongqing were also held.

(20) Participated in ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Training and Education Network Forum 2021

The ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Training and Education Network (APTTTEN) Forum 2021 was held virtually from 23 to 24 November 2021. Mr. Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia, addressed the opening session on the morning of 23 November and welcomed all delegates from the 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS), China, Japan, Republic of Korea and international organisations, including the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) and the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC). Ms. Ni Wayan Giri Adnyani, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia, delivered a keynote speech, calling for enhancing regional tourism cooperation and encouraging various stakeholders to jointly build a collaborative network for tourism education. Dr. Le Quang Lan, Assistant Director and Head of ICT and Tourism Division of the ASEAN Secretariat, also addressed the opening session and hoped all parties could join hands to enhance regional collaboration on tourism education.

Initiated by the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia, APTTEN Forum 2021 was hosted by Bandung Institute of Tourism under the theme of “The Strategic Partnership Collaboration: Link and Match with Industry and Scholar Community”.

At the forum, various delegates exchanged views with each other on such significant topics as improving the quality of ASEAN training and education, internationalization of student mobility, internationalization of faculty member mobility and strengthening network collaboration.

(21) Participated in the First China (Wuhan) Culture and Tourism Expo (CCTE)

From 26 to 28 November 2021, the First China (Wuhan) Culture and Tourism Expo (CCTE) was held at Wuhan International Expo Center, attracting 1062 participating companies from home and abroad. The total exhibition area was about 60,000 square meters and the number of public visitors by appointment reached
nearly 100,000. The ASEAN-China Centre set up a unique pavilion in the International Exhibition Hall and promoted ASEAN tourism through the significant platform of the 3-day Expo.

Themed with Beautiful China Wonderful Life, the First CCTE was co-hosted by the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and Hubei Provincial People’s Government. During the Expo, the Organizing Committee also hosted China Culture and Tourism Summit Forum 2021 and relevant business activities, which pooled professional ideas on revitalizing tourism and deepening integration of cultural and tourism industries, and bridged various industry initiatives.

【3. Outcomes】

Through implementing this flagship project with sharing tourism information and promoting travel destinations, ACC as a one-stop information and activities centre has played well its role in revitalizing and developing regional tourism and strengthening people-to-people exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China.

### Chinese Language Training for Chinese Language Tour Guide Teachers from ASEAN Member States

#### 【1. Background】

With the increasingly frequent two-way travel between ASEAN and China, more and more Chinese tourists are traveling to AMS. It sets higher requirements for the reception quality of related tourist services. Accordingly, the demand of Chinese language tour guides in the ASEAN tourism industry is becoming stronger, especially in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar. At the 45th meeting of ASEAN NTOs during the ATF 2017, representatives from AMS suggested to train Chinese language tour guide teachers through cooperating with international organizations.

In previous years, ACC co-organized with tourism authorities of AMS training programmes on Chinese language for tour guide teachers and carried out courses on tourism industry capacity building. ACC will continue to consolidate cooperation with prominent tourism universities or institutions and relevant enterprises, strengthen market research and coordination of measures, and enrich the curriculum, in a bid to better organize Chinese Language Training programme for Chinese language tour guide teachers and tourism capacity building seminar in AMS.

#### 【2. Activities】

1. **Co-organized Chinese Tour Guide Training and Capacity Building Workshop of ASEAN (Indonesia) 2020**

From 16 to 17 December 2020, the Chinese Tour Guide Training and Capacity Building Workshop of ASEAN (Indonesia) 2020 was successfully co-organized by ACC and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia. Nearly 100 tour guides and tourism employees from across Indonesia joined the online Workshop. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Gustanto, Indonesian Consul-General in Guangzhou and lecturers of the Workshop attended the Opening Session on 16 December 2020.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Djauhari said that Tourism economy is important to every country, and Indonesia is trying to raise its proportion in its national GDP through various efforts, such as diversifying tourism products, improving tourism service, especially trying to tap the Chinese outbound travel market. He expressed appreciation toward what ACC had done for enhancing Indonesia-China friendly cooperation and supporting tourism development in Indonesia.

On behalf of ACC, Secretary General Chen Dehai expressed his gratitude to the Indonesian diplomatic missions to China, the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia for their long-time support. He said human resources development is one of
the top priorities for the practical cooperation between ASEAN and China. ACC will strengthen its cooperation and synergy with AMS so as to make new contributions to regional tourism recovery and development through more kinds of activities.

The Chinese Tour Guide Training and Capacity Building Workshop of ASEAN (Indonesia) 2020 focused on Chinese culture, tourism service standards, tourism product branding and destination promotion. On 17 December, Dr. Sigit Witjaksono, Deputy Director General of Marketing Department of the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia addressed the closing session and spoke highly of the Workshop.

(2) Co-organized Chinese Language Training of ASEAN (the Philippines)

From 14 to 17 and 22 to 23 September 2021, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), the Department of Tourism of the Philippines and the Philippine Embassy in China jointly organized the online training activity, and the number of local participants from across the Philippines was over 100. Mr. Jose Santiago L. STA. Romana, Philippine Ambassador to China, Madam Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, Secretary of Tourism of the Philippines, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC addressed the Opening Session on the morning of 14 September 2021. All of them spoke highly of the activity and hoped all the participants would make full use of this opportunity and stand ready for Chinese tourists coming back to the Philippines in the future.

The Chinese Language Training of ASEAN (the Philippines) lasted 6 days, focusing on basic Chinese communication, Chinese culture, tourism market in China and tourist service standards.

(3) Co-organized the Chinese Language Training and Capacity Building Workshop of ASEAN (Cambodia)

From 4 to 4 November 2021, the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia (MOTC) and ACC jointly organized the online training programme, namely Chinese Language Training and Capacity Building Workshop of ASEAN (Cambodia). Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Pak Sokhom, Secretary of State of MOTC addressed the Opening Session on the morning of 4 November. Local Chinese tour guides and other tourism practitioners from such well-known destinations as Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Sihanouk Vile attended the 2 days programme.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked MOTC and relevant academic partners including Beijing Union University for their long-
time support to ACC’s initiatives. He stressed that although the COVID-19 pandemic is still going on globally, the bright future of tourism industry has never diminished. Human resources development and capacity building will play an important role in revitalizing tourism industry and maintaining its sustainable development.

Secretary of State Pak Sokhom, who is also High Representative of H.E. Dr. THONG Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, spoke highly of the Workshop and expressed profound appreciation towards ACC’s efforts in supporting Cambodian tourism industry. He said the Workshop was really on time and practical as the MOTC attached high importance to capacity building of tourism professionals and recovering international tourism market. He also proposed that ACC and MOTC be long-term partners in promoting both tourism capacity building and tourism sustainable development.

The lectures of the Workshop comprised Chinese cultural heritages, tour guide service standards and techniques and consumption preferences of Chinese tourists, which were widely welcomed by the Cambodian participants.

【3. Outcomes】

Through the implementation of this flagship project, ACC helped tourism practitioners of Indonesia and other relevant ASEAN Member States improve their Chinese language skills and understanding toward Chinese traditional culture and new tourism market features. It was conducive to regional human resources development and tourism market recovery, and also helped ACC accumulate important experience for future work.
As a major medium for information dissemination, a main platform for elevating public relations, and a bridge for promoting people-to-people exchanges, media plays an irreplaceable role in enhancing information sharing, policy communication and people-to-people bonds between ASEAN and China. In 2021, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the media of the two sides maintained in-depth exchanges and close cooperation under the theme of the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation and scored new achievements.

Staying committed to “bridging the bridges”, ACC has harnessed its strength to create various opportunities for media of AMS and China to get connected and explore collaboration potentials so as to promote common aspirations. ACC has made conscientious and continuous efforts to collect, analyse, organize, disseminate and study information in various fields in order to contribute solid information support to ASEAN-China cooperation. ACC also plays an active role in enhancing public awareness of ASEAN-China relations as well as ACC’s brand building by extensively reaching out to the general public in China, ASEAN and beyond.

In 2021, the Information and Public Relations Division (IPRD) of ACC designed and carried out a host of activities in the area of information, media and public relations in five flagship projects, namely Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations, ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum, Reporting Trip for ASEAN Media to Explore China, ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Capacity Building, and ASEAN-China Statistics Book. New attempts include composing a summary report entitled ACC as Activities Centre and a report on ACC’s 10th anniversary, and providing analytical articles to mainstream media.

Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations

【1. Background】

The Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations is one of ACC’s flagship projects, aiming at raising awareness of ASEAN, promoting ASEAN-China relations and enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of ASEAN and China, especially among the young generation. Since 2012, ACC has organized 16 lectures on ASEAN-China relations by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors as well as ACC Secretary-General at universities in Beijing and other cities of China, which were warmly received by faculty members and students. From 2017 onwards, ACC has further expanded this project by inviting Chinese scholars and experts to give lectures on specific topics for AMS embassies, such as ASEAN-China economic cooperation, scientific and technological cooperation, innovation and sharing economy.

【2. Activities】

(1) Held “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” at Hainan University

On 24 November 2020, ACC invited Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to China, for “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” activity at Hainan University in Hainan Province. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mrs. Sih Elsiwi Handayani Oratmangun, Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun’s wife, Mr. Luo Qingming, President of Hainan University and Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Mr. Liang Mou and Mr. Ye Guangliang, Vice Presidents of Hainan University attended the event along with more than 300 students and faculty members of the university, including students from AMS.

President Luo Qingming said in his welcome speech that Hainan University has been actively implementing the strategy of opening-up, and has carried out substantial cooperation with AMS such as joint running of institutes, exchange programmes for
students and faculty members, foreign-aid training programmes and regional studies. Hainan University looks forward to deepening educational exchanges with its counterparts in AMS, so as to draw strength from each other for interconnected development and shared benefits.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that the year 2020 marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and China. ACC invited Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun to deliver a speech at Hainan University with the aim of promoting Chinese university students’ understanding of Indonesia, ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations and enhancing friendship between the people from both sides. It was hoped that students in Hainan University would take an active part in the exchanges and cooperation between China and AMS like Indonesia, and inject fresh vitality into the development of Indonesia-China relations and ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun delivered a speech titled “ASEAN-China Prospective Relations”. He elaborated on the development of ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations, and noted that ASEAN is committed to building the ASEAN communities, consolidating ASEAN centrality in regional cooperation, and promoting ASEAN-China relations from a strategic perspective. Under the current circumstances, ASEAN should adapt to the new normal conditions against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthen cooperation with China in all respects, and take the opportunity of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and the 10th anniversary of ACC to push forward bilateral cooperation for new achievements. He stressed that Indonesia-China relations enjoy a sound momentum of development in recent years, having travelled an extraordinary journey featured by strategic and long-term prosperity. In 2020 the two countries had frequent high-level contacts and achieved fruitful results in cooperation on pandemic containment, resumption of work and production and BRI international cooperation, elevating the bilateral relations to a new height.

On the sidelines of the lecture, Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun and Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the launching ceremony of Maritime Silk Road Art Education Alliance & China-ASEAN Sports Culture Development Alliance at Hainan University. Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun also gave interviews to local media as well. Prior to the lecture, President Luo Qingming met with Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun and the delegation.
On 23 November 2020, Mr. Mao Chaofeng, Executive Vice Governor of Hainan Province, met with ACC delegation in Haikou. Vice Governor Mao said that Hainan Province looks forward to closer cooperation with AMS, Indonesia in particular, in terms of establishing friendship city relations, expanding economic and trade cooperation, and promoting cooperation in convention and exhibition, thus bringing the cooperation between Hainan and ASEAN, especially between Hainan and Indonesia to a new level. Hainan looks forward to strong support from the Indonesian Embassy in China and ACC.

Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun said that the year 2020 marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and China. The two countries enjoy solid foundation for exchanges and cooperation. The signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) will surely accelerate the economic and trade cooperation between AMS and China. Indonesia regards Hainan as its partner of priority and looks forward to promoting practical cooperation with Hainan in agriculture, tourism, education, trade in services.

During the delegation’s stay in Hainan, Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun and Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited the Window to Global Trade (WGT), Hainan Resort Software Community, Phoenix International Cruise Port and Bali Village.

(2) Held “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” at Hunan Normal University

On 15 October 2021, ACC invited Mrs. Khampheo Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, to visit Hunan Province and successfully held the “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” activity at Hunan Normal University. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, Mr. Boun Inthabandith, Lao Consul General to Changsha, and Ms. Guo Xiangli, Vice President of Hunan People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (HPAFFC), attended the lecture. Professor Tang Xianqing, Vice President of Hunan Normal University, chaired the activity. Over 200 students and faculty members of the university, including students from ASEAN Member States (AMS), attended the lecture in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Professor Tang Xianqing extended sincere greetings and warm welcome to Ambassador Khampheo Ernthavanh. He said China and Lao PDR are linked by mountains and rivers, and China and ASEAN share close affinity and a longstanding friendship. In the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, Hunan and AMS sister cities, along with other related organisations, have been supporting each other
through the challenging times and further consolidated the foundation of friendly exchanges. He noted that the university will foster cooperation and exchanges with talents of different cultural backgrounds from all around the world.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai pointed out in his remarks that this year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and the 60th anniversary of Laos-China diplomatic ties. In recent years, ASEAN-China relationship has developed vigorously, boasting bright prospects for cooperation between the two sides. He highly praised Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh’s contribution to the development of ASEAN-China and Laos-China relations and expressed hope that students would further deepen their understanding of Laos-China and ASEAN-China friendly relations, strengthen mutual friendship and jointly promote the continuous development of Laos-China and ASEAN-China relations.

Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh delivered a speech on the topic of “30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and 60th Anniversary of Laos-China Diplomatic Relations”. She elaborated on the development of ASEAN, ASEAN-China relations and Laos-China relations and introduced the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China over the past 30 years in fields such as political security, economy and socio-culture. She stressed that ASEAN-China relations are of great significance to safeguarding the well-being of the people of both sides and promoting peace and prosperity in the region and the world. The two sides should continue to work together to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, promote economic recovery and advance ASEAN-China relations to a new level. She noted that the friendship between Lao PDR and China dates back to ancient times. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, China has provided strong support to Lao PDR. Leaders from the two governments are keeping interactions by video and telephone conference, and the two sides have kept a momentum of cooperation and continuously been enriching the comprehensive strategic partnership and the community with a shared future between Lao PDR and China.

Prior to the lecture, Mr. Liu Qijun, President of the Hunan Normal University, met with Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh and the delegation. He said Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh’s visit will help consolidate the traditional friendship between China and Lao PDR and promote cooperation between universities of the two countries. He expressed hope that the university could further expand academic and people-to-people exchanges with Lao universities and inject new impetus into the friendly exchanges between China and Lao PDR.

On the same day, Mr. Xu Dazhe, Secretary of the CPC Hunan Provincial Committee of China and Mr. Mao Weiming, Governor of Hunan Provincial People’s Government, met with Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh, Secretary-General Chen Dehai and their delegation in Changsha. Secretary Xu extended a warm welcome to the delegation and said that Hunan will further deepen the relationship with the Lao PDR, and will exert more efforts to facilitate high-level mutual visits, sister city interactions, economy and trade collaboration, people-to-people exchanges, agricultural development cooperation, and co-fighting the pandemic to attain more fruitful outcomes.

Ambassador Khamphao expressed her honour to pay a visit to Hunan and noted that the Lao Embassy in China and its Consulate General in Changsha will join hands with Hunan to vigorously push forward more in-depth practical collaboration in more fields, and further deepen the Laos-China comprehensive strategic partnership. Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that ACC regards Hunan as an important partner, and will care, promote and support Hunan as always, by facilitating exchanges and cooperation between Hunan and AMS including the Lao PDR to bear more fruits.

During the delegation’s stay in Hunan, Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh and Secretary-General Chen Dehai also attended the ASEAN-China Youth Forum & Closing Ceremony of the 8th ASEAN-China Young Leaders Exchange Festival and visited Zoomlion Environmental Industry Co., Ltd., Hunan Xuanye Ecological Agricultural Development Co., Ltd., and Changsha Commerce and Tourism College to explore opportunities to deepen Laos-China friendly cooperation.

【3. Outcomes】

During the visit, Ambassador Djauhari and Ambassador Khamphao obtained a deeper understanding of the social-economic development of local provinces and cities in China, and gained first-hand experience about the strategic plan and actions of the provinces to further opening up within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative and the RCEP. During the meetings with local provincial leaders, important consensus was reached on strengthening practical cooperation between AMS and China. Better relations between AMS and China’s local provinces will give a stimulation to ASEAN-China relations.
The lecture events enhanced the mutual understanding between peoples of AMS and China. Chinese young people came to know ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations and a more solid foundation of public support was laid for the future development in ASEAN-China cooperation.

**ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum**

1. Background

On 2 June 2021, ACC co-hosted with China International Publishing Group (CIPG) the 2021 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum in Beijing. The forum was advised by the State Council Information Office (SCIO) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, and organized by China Report Press.

The theme of the forum was “Thirty Years On: A New Chapter for ASEAN-China Win-win Cooperation”. It consisted of two sessions of “New Prospects for Regional Economic and Trade Cooperation under the RCEP” and “New Media Trends in the New Technological Revolution”. The forum focused on the new trend of media development and aimed to discuss the role of media in strengthening regional economic and trade cooperation to achieve sustainable development in ASEAN and China and further promoting ASEAN-China relations. It was organized in the form of a combination of on-site and online conference.

Thanks to the strong support of the 10 AMS embassies in China, the Chinese embassies in AMS and the joint efforts of all hosts and organizers of the forum, four ambassadors of AMS to China and 11 media and tourism officials of the 10 AMS embassies in China attended the forum on site. Lao Ambassador delivered opening remarks. The Assistant Secretary at the Presidential Communication Operations Office of the Philippines made a video speech. At two sub-theme sessions, media representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand made online presentation. Besides, Media representatives from Brunei, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam participated in the event online among other guests. Around 100 people were present in total.

2. Activities

On 2 June 2021, the 2021 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum was held in Beijing. Mr. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Jusan Vincent L. Arcena, Assistant Secretary for Global Media and Public Affairs at the Presidential Communication Operations Office of the Philippines, Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Du Zhanyuan, President of CIPG, and Mr. Tang Heng, Deputy Secretary-General of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, attended the forum and addressed audiences online and offline. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia, Mr. Pham Sao Mai, Ambassador of Viet Nam, Ms. Fang Hong, Deputy Director-General of Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Ms. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CIPG and President of China Report Press, Mr. Guo Jinshi, Director-General of the Information Office of the People’s Government of Gansu Province, and representatives of media and think tanks attended the event.

Mr. Du Zhanyuan said media exchanges and cooperation is an integral part of ASEAN-China relations and plays an important role in promoting the development of bilateral relations and enhancing the exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations. He hoped to further deepen the content and expand the areas and innovate the modes of cooperation between ASEAN and China. Mr. Tang Heng hoped that the media of both sides will continue to facilitate policy syncing and widely gather consensus from all sides; promote practical cooperation and actively convey confidence and positive energy; focus on sustainable development and consolidate the foundation of public opinion on friendship and cooperation, so as to create a favorable public opinion environment for ASEAN-China development and cooperation.

Mr. Kung Phoak expressed his appreciation for the important role played by ACC in deepening media cooperation between the two sides. He said despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the partnership between ASEAN and China remains strong and vibrant. With the year 2021 marking the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation, the strategic partnership
between the two sides will be reinvigorated in all aspects. The rapid development of media is conducive to promoting cultural exchanges and building closer relationship between the two sides. The pandemic has led to a surge in internet traffic, bringing more opportunities for media cooperation, especially in the field of digital media. Strengthening media cooperation will help both sides make greater progress in fields such as people-to-people exchanges, technology development, and trade and investment.

Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh said cooperation in media affairs between ASEAN and China currently have actively advanced as the main and rapid information hub especially for prevention and control of COVID-19 pandemic as well as serving an important role in social-economy, culture, public health, livelihood and so on. The media on both sides should make use of the existing mechanisms and platforms such as ACC, the China-ASEAN Expo and the ASEAN-China Public Health Framework. Mr. Jusan Vincent L. Arcena thanked ACC for its contribution to strengthening media cooperation. He said ASEAN and China media have striven to use technology as much as possible to promote communication and cooperation under the new normal, share new initiatives and open up new modes of cooperation.

Mr. Chen Dehai said the new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation is profoundly changing the way of production and life of people, giving the media industry a new connotation and space for growth, as well as putting forward new and higher requirements for the media industry in terms of content creation and communication strategies. He hoped that the media from both sides should spotlight on anti-pandemic cooperation and economic and social recovery, further tell the story of win-win cooperation between ASEAN and China, help the two sides promote coordination on policies and synergy of development plans, and continuously expand and deepen media cooperation.

In the session discussions, media leaders, journalists and think tank representatives from AMS and China focused on the present and looked into the future, offering advice and suggestions for the sustainable development of media cooperation between ASEAN and China. It was generally agreed that the signing and implementation of the RCEP will bring new economic, trade and investment opportunities to the region, boost confidence in the development of various industries, enhance people’s well-being and further promote economic recovery in the post-pandemic era. The media industry faces new development opportunities and challenges under the new round of industrial and technological changes. The rapid development of the communication industry is conducive to promoting information flow, enhancing the connection and interaction between platforms and audiences, and further deepening practical cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN and China from the communication level.

During the forum, Mr. Yu Yunquan, President of the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, released the book Keywords to Understand China: Foreign Affairs in the New Era in Chinese and English. Before the opening ceremony, the participants
also visited a photo exhibition named “Mogao Caves Meet Angkor Wat”.

【3. Outcomes】

The media of AMS and China had in-depth exchange of views, shared experience and made recommendations for further promoting mutual understanding, enhancing cooperation and working together to embrace the opportunity brought by the development of the ASEAN-China relations and jointly meet the challenge of the pandemic and the new round of media technological changes.

The forum, as an annual event and a regular pattern of exchanges, has been highly recognized by ASEAN and Chinese media. Its profile and influence has significantly increased. The forum was widely reported by ASEAN and Chinese media through various channels including People’s Daily Online, CCTV, Xinhua News Agency, China.org.cn, Sina news, Global Times Online, Vientiane Times, PTV of the Philippine and Viet Nam News. The video of the forum in both Chinese and English were launched via such influential media platforms as Xuexi.cn, China.org.cn., Sina.com and Tencent livestream.

The forum further raised ACC’s profile among the media of ASEAN and China, and increased the relevant parties’ and public awareness and understandings on ACC’s unique role, influence and efforts in promoting ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation.

The photo exhibition of “Mogao Caves Meet Angkor Wat” held before the forum was well received by the participants. It helped them gain a better understanding of Chinese and ASEAN culture and enriched the forum.

**Reporting Trip for ASEAN Media to Explore China**

Co-hosted a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and Journalists Stationed in Beijing to Visit Gansu

From 3 to 9 June 2021, ACC and CIPG co-hosted a familiarisation trip for diplomats and journalists from AMS stationed in Beijing to visit Gansu Province. Headed by Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, the delegation consisted of diplomats from seven AMS embassies in China, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as journalists stationed in Beijing from Viet Nam, Indonesia and Malaysia. Ms. Zhao Jun, Editor-in-Chief of China Report Press of CIPG joined in all activities of the delegation.

On 3 June 2021, Mr. Sun Wei, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Gansu Provincial Committee, met with the delegation. Mr. Sun said Gansu is focusing on the construction of the southbound corridor and actively promoting cooperation with AMS in trade and investment for mutual benefit. He hoped that the delegation would further reinforce its understanding of Gansu and actively promote and publicize the province, so that it can play a greater role in the development of ASEAN-China relations.

Mr. Chen Dehai said the 2021 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum recently held in Beijing had created a good atmosphere for deepening ASEAN-China relations. The “Mogao Caves Meet Angkor Wat” cultural exhibition held during the forum was a highlight. Gansu Province is gaining momentum and playing an increasingly prominent role in the Belt and Road international cooperation. The friendship between Gansu and ASEAN continues to grow, with both sides deepening economic and trade cooperation and people-to-people exchanges through platforms such as the China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair and the Silk Road (Dunhuang) International Cultural Expo. ACC will actively contribute to the development of cooperation between ASEAN and Gansu.

Mr. Chern Lea Keong, Minister Counsellor of the Malaysian Embassy in China, said facing the COVID-19 pandemic, ASEAN and China stick together, which fully proves a Malaysian proverb meaning climbing the hill together and going down the ravine together. The visit to Gansu, with the theme of “Sustainable Development and Cultural Diversity”, would further promote social, economic and cultural exchanges between ASEAN and China and foster new developments in their relationship.

The delegation visited Lanzhou University, met with Vice President Li Yumin, and had a discussion with the ASEAN students. The delegation inspected the Flower Auction and Trading Center in Lanzhou New Area, Gansu New Media Group, Haisheng Modern Intelligent Greenhouse Cultivation Demonstration Project, Zhangye Intelligent Manufacturing Industrial Park and the 100MW Molten Salt Solar Thermal Power Plant developed by Dunhuang Shouhang Resources Saving Co., Ltd. and other well-known enterprises. The
delegation also visited the Gansu Provincial Museum, Jiayuguan Pass of the Great Wall, Guazhou County Yulin Grottoes, Dunhuang Mogao Caves and other cultural resources and world-level cultural heritage, experiencing Gansu’s rich ancient history, splendid culture and the vast diversity of geography.

Through the trip, the delegation earnestly studied the economic and social development in Gansu province, focusing on the development of advanced agriculture, logistics, new energy, intelligent manufacturing, media, culture and tourism industry of the province, and made in-depth exchanges of experience on progress of ecological civilization, sustainable development and poverty alleviation with all parties. They also held profound discussions on further expanding practical cooperation in various fields and cultural exchanges and mutual learning between Gansu and AMS. The delegates said that they had a true, multi-dimensional and panoramic view of Gansu’s natural geography, history and culture, as well as its economic and social development, and gained a profound impression of Gansu’s location advantage in the Belt and Road international cooperation, resource endowment, advanced enterprises and ecological civilization. They expressed willingness to actively publicize and promote Gansu, encourage more people from AMS to travel, study, invest and do business in Gansu.

Local media such as Gansu Daily and Sunan Convergence Media followed and covered various activities along the trip. Diplomats of AMS embassies in China actively accepted interviews with the media and talked glowingly about their feelings and experiences on the trip. The Viet Nam Television and Indonesia Antara News correspondents in Beijing gave full coverage to the Gansu trip.

This is the fourth consecutive year that ACC organised a familiarisation trip for AMS diplomats and correspondents in China to visit provinces and cities outside Beijing.

Strengthening ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation

(1) Attended the 2nd ASEAN-China TV Week Opening Ceremony

On 23 November 2020, the opening ceremony of the 2nd ASEAN-China TV Week and ASEAN-China Excellent Communication Cases Release Ceremony was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. More than 400 representatives attended the event,
including Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei to China and his wife, Ms. Meng Dong, Vice Minister of the National Radio and Television Administration of China (NRTA), Ms. Fan Xiaoli, Member of the Standing Committee and Head of Publicity Department of CPC Guangxi Committee, as well as representatives from competent authorities, media, enterprises, research institutions and sectors of film, television and culture from AMS and China. Mr. Martin Andanar, Secretary of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and Minister of Information of the Philippines, the country coordinator for ASEAN-China relations, delivered remarks via video. Mr. He Fei, Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, attended the opening ceremony and relevant activities.

(2) Met with Deputy Director-General of External Promotion Bureau of the State Council Information Office of China

On 17 December 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC met with Mr. Li Zhihui, Deputy Director-General of External Promotion Bureau of the State Council Information Office of China. The two sides exchanged views on further promoting cultural and media exchanges and cooperation between AMS and China, under the themes of the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation in 2021.

(3) Met with President of China International Publishing Group

On 8 January 2021, Mr. Du Zhanyuan, President of China International Publishing Group (CIPG), paid a visit to ACC and exchanged views with Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, on jointly promoting ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation under the themes of the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation in 2021.

(4) Supported the “Silk Road Carnival & Online Spring Festival Gala 2021”

On 21 January 2021, a large-scale multinational convergent media live-streaming event titled “Silk Road Carnival & Online Spring Festival Gala 2021” was officially launched in Xi’an, Shaanxi Province. The event was advised and supported by the State Council Information Office of China, the National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA) and ACC, and co-hosted by Shaanxi Radio and Television Convergence Media Group (SRTCMG), People’s Video & Audio Technology Co. Ltd of People’s Daily Online, China Intercontinental Communication Center (CICC) and Xi’an Qujiang New District Administration Committee. Mr. Yan Chengsheng, Deputy Director-General of International Cooperation Department of NRTA, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Xu Honghai, Secretary-General of China International Culture Exchange Center, Mr. Jing Shuqing, Vice-President and Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CICC and Mr. Chen Xingxing, General Manager of People’s Video & Audio Technology Co. Ltd of People’s Daily Online delivered remarks via video.
Secretary-General Chen Dehai noted that the event would showcase the long history and splendid culture of China and the countries along the Silk Road by presenting rich and colorful programs, carry love and warmth to the world in the post-pandemic era, which is bound to promote people-to-people communication between China and the rest of the world and mutual learning among different civilizations, and further strengthen friendly exchanges between the people of ASEAN and China.

On 3 December 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Ms. Shi Xiaonong, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Shaanxi Radio and Television Convergence Media Group. The two sides exchanged views on jointly holding the live-streaming activity of “the 2021 Silk Road Carnival” and promoting media exchanges and cooperation between AMS and China.

(5) Work Exchange with Embassy of Lao PDR

On 22 January 2021, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, met with officials of the Embassy of Lao PDR in China. The two sides exchanged views on perspectives of cooperation between ACC and the Embassy in 2021.

(6) Held a Media Networking Activity

On 28 January 2021, ACC held a media networking activity among media officials of AMS embassies in China, ASEAN media representatives in Beijing and Chinese mainstream media.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai mentioned at the event that in the context of the global outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, ASEAN and China have been helping each other in difficult times, setting an example for global anti-pandemic cooperation and work resumption. Focusing on the priority areas of cooperation and the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation in 2020, the two sides held a series of cooperation activities with fruitful results, which have enhanced mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples. The year 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. Media is bound to play a greater role in promoting ASEAN-China relations. He hoped that the media of both sides would continue to support and work closely with each other to strengthen cooperation and nurture favorable public opinion for the development of ASEAN-China relations, and lift ASEAN-China relations to a new level. Director Arianto Surojo reviewed and summarized ACC’s major projects in 2020 in the field of information and public relations and briefed on the work priorities in media in 2021.

All representatives from ASEAN and China echoed that this event built a useful platform for in-depth communication and exchanges between the two sides, which was conducive to enhancing mutual understanding, deepening friendship and promoting cooperation. They expressed willingness to continue to work together with ACC to deepen ASEAN-China media exchanges and
cooperation and make greater contributions to the development of ASEAN-China friendly relations.

(7) Met with Executive Editor-in-Chief of Global Times Online
On 22 February 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, met with Mr. Shi Ding, Executive Editor-in-Chief of Global Times Online. The two sides exchanged views on jointly holding activities in celebration of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, and further promoting ASEAN-China media cooperation and people-to-people exchanges.

(8) Work Exchange with CCTV Video News Agency
On 11 March 2021, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, met with Ms. He Liyun, Senior Business Development Manager of Sales & Marketing Department of CCTV Video News Agency. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening cooperation between ACC and CCTV Video News Agency and jointly promoting ASEAN-China media exchanges.

(9) Met with Vice President of CIPG
On 13 April 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, met with Mr. Lu Cairong, Vice President of China International Publishing Group (CIPG). The two sides exchanged views on deepening cooperation in the fields of media and publishing, and jointly promoting ASEAN-China people-to-people exchanges and cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative.

(10) Attended RCEP Media & Think Tank Forum
On 23 May 2021, the RCEP Media & Think Tank Forum was held in Haikou, Hainan Province. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, attended the forum and made a presentation during the panel session for media. Mr. Arianto Surojo remarked that public communication represents a crucial stage after the signing of RCEP. Each member state should develop their own communication strategy for RCEP based on public interests and ensure the agenda-setting. Both traditional and new media, especially social media, should use their full strength to promote RCEP and its benefits among the public. He stated that ACC has been committed to encouraging ASEAN-China media cooperation and exchanges, and is willing to work with all parties concerned to ensure that media plays an active role in promoting RCEP cooperation to the next level.

During his stay in Hainan Province, Mr. Arianto Surojo, along with the officials from embassies of AMS, visited the Haikou Fullsing Town Internet Innovation Park, Jiangdong New Area Planning and Exhibition Centre and Coconut Palm Group.

(11) Attended China International Big Data Industry Expo 2021
On 26 May 2021, the China International Big Data Industry Expo 2021 opened in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, attended the opening ceremony and the High-level
Dialogue on 5G-enabled Intelligent Digital Transformation. During his stay in Guizhou, Mr. Arianto Surojo met with Mr. Li Zejun, Vice President of Guiyang People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. They exchanged views on jointly promoting Guiyang’s practical cooperation with AMS in various fields such as education, culture, tourism trade, information and media and the building of sister or friendship city relationship between Guiyang and cities in AMS.

(12) Work Exchange with Organizers of Beijing International Film Festival

On 21 June 2021, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, met with Mr. Liu Yan, Head of the Marketing Department of Beijing International Film Festival (BIFF) Organizing Committee Office, Mr. Gandhi Priambodho, CEO of Red and White China Cultural Development Co., Ltd., Ms. Dewi Avilia, officer-in-charge from the Indonesian Embassy in China, and exchanged views on promoting ASEAN-China cultural and people-to-people exchanges and hosting the 2021 BIFF.

(13) Work Exchange with China Public Diplomacy Association and Global Times Online

On 29 June 2021, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, visited the China Public Diplomacy Association (CPDA) and met with Mr. Li Tianran, former Consul-General of China to Osaka, Ms. Huo Ying, Secretary-General of CPDA and Mr. Shi Ding, Executive Editor-in-Chief of Global Times Online. They exchanged views on jointly holding activities to promote ASEAN-China media cooperation and people-to-people exchanges.

(14) Attended 2021 ASEAN Media Partners Forum in Beijing

On 14 July 2021, the 2021 ASEAN Media Partners Forum hosted by China Media Group (CMG) was successfully held in Beijing. Around 100 guests from 33 media organizations in 15 countries attended the event online or offline. Mr. Raja Nushirwan, Ambassador of Malaysia to China, Mr. Jose S. L. Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines, Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Shen Haixiong, President and Editor-in-Chief of CMG, and representatives from AMS Embassies in China and AMS media were present.

Mr. Chen Dehai said ASEAN and China are focusing on the post-epidemic era, strengthening the synergy of development plans, deepening practical cooperation and people-to-people exchanges in various fields, and striving to build a higher-level ASEAN-China strategic partnership. He believed that ASEAN-China relations have a broader prospect for the future with great potential lying ahead for media cooperation between the two sides.

(15) Work Exchange with Foreign Affairs Office of Dalian City

On 27 July 2021, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public and Relations Division of ACC, met with Mr. Zhang Chaoran, Deputy Director of the Protocol and Information Division of the Foreign Affairs Office of Dalian. The two sides exchanged views on jointly promoting Dalian’s image to the international community and deepening media cooperation between AMS and the city.

(16) Attended the 2021 Erhai Forum on Global Ecological Civilisation Construction

On 9 October 2021, the 2021 Erhai Forum on Global Ecological Civilisation Construction was held in Dali, Yunnan Province,
China. The Forum was a side event of the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) and was co-organised by the China International Publishing Group (CIPG), the People's Government of Yunnan Province and the China Public Relations Association (CPRA). Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the forum and spoke at the keynote dialogue. He pointed out that ASEAN and China are active participants and contributors to global environmental governance. The two sides should further enhance policy communication, strengthen mechanisms and capacity building, push forward key cooperation projects, promote high-quality regional economic development and facilitate international communication of ecological civilization building. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, attended and spoke at the sub-forums.

(17) Attended the 4th Belt and Road Broadcasting Science and Technology Development Forum

On 26 November 2021, Mr. He Fei, Deputy Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, attended the 4th Belt and Road Broadcasting Science and Technology Development Forum and delivered a keynote speech.

(18) Visited Beijing ByteDance Technology

On 7 December 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, led a delegation of ACC staff members to visit Beijing ByteDance Technology Co., Ltd. The two sides held discussions on further strengthening communication and collaboration.

Reaching out to the General Public

(1) Set up Booths at the 17th and 18th CAEXPO

a. From 27 to 30 November 2020, the 17th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. ACC successfully set up a booth at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre for the eighth consecutive year. ACC booth featured ACC’s major functions and showcased in detail its achievements during the year 2020 in promoting ASEAN-China practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media through light box photos and English-Chinese bilingual materials including publications and videos as well as on-site introduction. Interactive activities were also conducted via new media platforms such as WeChat and Weibo.

During the CAEXPO, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China with his wife, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam with his wife, as well as officials from other AMS embassies, visited the ACC booth.
The booth welcomed numerous representatives from various provincial and municipal governments, chambers of commerce, industry associations, and enterprises in the fields of education, culture, tourism, finance, energy, environmental protection, high-tech, machinery, textile, and grain and oil food. The visitors, while learning about ACC’s role and activities and discussing about the achievements and promising future of ASEAN-China cooperation, expressed willingness in working with ACC and made inquiries about attracting more ASEAN enterprises to invest and start businesses in China, exploring ASEAN markets and deepening ASEAN-China cooperation in relevant fields.

The booth also attracted journalists from China and abroad, including AMS media, Xinhua News Agency, China Central Television, South China Morning Post and Nanning Evening News. Over one thousand visitors stopped at the booth to watch the exhibition, collect materials, listen to introduction, ask for information and take pictures.

b. From 10 to 13 September 2021, the 18th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China. ACC set up a booth at the CAEXPO for the ninth consecutive year.

Through light box photos and English-Chinese bilingual materials including publications and videos as well as on-site introduction, ACC booth gave a comprehensive introduction on ACC’s missions and functions and a vivid demonstration on its achievements during the first half of the year 2021. In addition, to promote ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and cooperation, a prize challenge Q&A named “ASEAN-China Relations” was organized through ACC’s WeChat account at the booth with the participation of enthusiastic audience. Over 3,000 visitors stopped at the booth to watch the exhibition, collect materials, listen to introductions, make inquiries and take pictures, which created a warm atmosphere.

On 11 September, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited ACC booth and interacted cordially with the public. He also met with Ms. Wei Yu, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi who also visited the booth. The two sides exchanged views on jointly promoting ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and cooperation, especially the economic and trade cooperation between Guangxi and AMS.

During the CAEXPO, ACC booth welcomed diplomatic envoys and government officials from Indonesia, Thailand, New Zealand and other countries. Representatives from Chinese provincial and municipal governments, chambers of commerce and business associations as well as enterprises in different fields also talked with ACC officials. The visitors, while learning about ACC’s roles and possibilities for cooperation with ACC, made inquiries about exploring ASEAN markets and deepening ASEAN-China cooperation in related fields. The booth also attracted journalists from
Xinhua News Agency, Global Times Online, 21st Century and the Department of Information and Publicity of the CAEXPO.

(2) Supported and Attended the ASEAN-China Governors/Mayors’ Dialogue of the Boao Forum for Asia

On 19 April 2021, the ASEAN-China Governors/Mayors’ Dialogue of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was held both online and offline under the theme of “Mutual Support for Common Development: Cooperation Between Local Governments in the Post-COVID-19 Era”. The event was co-hosted by the Hainan Provincial Government and the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), and was supported by ACC. Mr. Feng Fei, Governor of Hainan Province, Mr. Lin Songtian, President of CPAFFC and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended and addressed the event. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Athayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand, Mr. Ung Vantha, Consul-General of Cambodia to Haikou, Ms. Vanhpheng Saisomphou, Consul-General of Lao PDR to Guangzhou, Mr. Marshall Loulferez, Consul-General of the Philippines to Guangzhou and the governors/mayors from AMS and China as well as provincial and municipal representatives from ROK and Belarus attended the event.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai noted in his address that local cooperation is an important part of the ASEAN-China strategic partnership. ACC has always attached great importance to the cooperation at local levels and has established wide partnership network with local governments, enterprises, universities and other organizations of ASEAN and China. In 2021, ACC would further expand cooperation with provinces and cities of both sides and make unremitting efforts to promote regional development and prosperity.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai also met and exchanged views with Ms. Liu Hongmei, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of Hainan Province and Mr. Jacque Pellet, Director of the East Asian Representative Office of International Committee of Red Cross.

(3) Attended the Round-Table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organisation & Asian Think Tank Forum of the Boao Forum for Asia

On 20 April 2021, the Round-Table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organisation & Asian Think Tank Forum was held during Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2021. Ms. Fang Hong, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Chinese Foreign Ministry attended and delivered a keynote speech on behalf of Assistant Foreign Minister Wu Jianghao. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), as well as experts and scholars from Asian think tanks attended the event.

Deputy Director-General Fang Hong stated that faced with COVID-19, regional cooperation should follow the overall direction of mutual benefit, deepen anti-pandemic cooperation, lead economic growth, promote green and sustainable development, foster an open and inclusive regional security pattern, build a regional governance mode with Asian characteristics, and open up new prospects for regional development. Secretary-General Lim Jock Hoi stressed the necessity to give full play to the role of regional cooperation organizations, support multilateralism, strengthen regional cooperation on COVID-19 response and promote economic and trade integration. ASEAN is ready to work closely with other international organizations to jointly push for an early victory over the pandemic and the resumption of economic and social development in the region.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that ASEAN and China are key participants and promoters of Asian regional cooperation. The two sides should continue to promote coordination on policies and development plans under the new circumstances, take the signing of RCEP as an opportunity to strive for accelerating economic integration, create new highlights of cooperation and intensify people-to-people exchanges, so as to promote regional development and prosperity.

Prior to the Round-table and Forum, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the welcome dinner for diplomatic envoys, the opening ceremony of the BFA Annual Conference 2021 and the conversation networking breakfast themed “embracing dual circulation and upgrading industrial chain”.

(4) Attended the Conference on Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations

On 28 July 2021, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the Conference on Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations in Beijing. With the theme of “ASEAN-China Cooperation over the Past 30 Years: History and Experience”, the conference was hosted by China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) online and offline. Mr. Wang Yi, State Councillor and Foreign Minister of China, and Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, addressed the opening ceremony online. More than 100 experts and scholars from influential think tanks and universities in AMS and China as well as diplomatic representatives from all AMS Embassies in China attended the event.

Mr. Lim Jock Hoi fully acknowledged the achievements of ASEAN and China’s cooperation in political security, economic
and sociocultural areas over the past 30 years. He stressed that the two sides should continue to expand trade and investment cooperation, strengthen the synergy of development plans and inter-connectivity cooperation, push forward the implementation of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), deepen cooperation in various fields, such as innovation, digital economy, smart city network, new energy and public health, and vigorously enhance people-to-people exchanges to advance ASEAN-China strategic partnership to new heights.

Mr. Chen Dehai said ASEAN and China have respected and trusted each other for 30 years, achieving leapfrog development in their relations. He pointed out that, among factors accounting for the progress of ASEAN-China relations, political trust is an important cornerstone; mutual benefit and win-win cooperation serves as a significant principle; people-to-people exchanges provide indispensable bonds; innovation cooperation represents a key driving force. As ASEAN-China relations entered a new historical stage, ACC is willing to move forward side by side with all partners to make solid progress in exchanges and cooperation.

(5) Held the Commemorative Photo Exhibition on the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations

On 17 September 2021, ACC co-organized with the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam in Beijing the Commemorative Photo Exhibition on the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. As a part of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, this exhibition had a comprehensive review of the extraordinary history of ASEAN-China relations, elaborated on the outcomes of friendly exchanges and mutual beneficial cooperation across the boards between the two sides, and envisioned a bright prospect for their future relationship.

More than 200 people visited the exhibition, including Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam, the ASEAN rotating Chair, to China, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia, Mr. Zhang Jiuhuan, Special Representative of the Ministry Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Hu Zhengyue, Vice-President of the China Public Diplomacy Association, representatives of the embassies of AMS and international organizations, experts, scholars and the press from the two sides. During the visit, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, interacted and exchanged views with the guests in a pleasant atmosphere.

(6) Attended the ASEAN-China Youth Forum & Closing Ceremony of the 8th ASEAN-China Young Leaders Exchange Festival

On 15 October 2021, the ASEAN-China Youth Forum & Closing Ceremony of the 8th ASEAN-China Young Leaders Exchange Festival was held in Changsha, Hunan Province of China. Ms. Wu Lan, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Hunan Provincial Committee, Mr. Jiang Jiang, Vice President of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), and Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, delivered remarks. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended the event and gave a speech.

Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh said that the exchange festival provided valuable opportunities for young people from ASEAN and China to share experience and enhance friendship, and played an important role in advancing the relationship between the two sides. The Embassy and the Consulates General of Lao PDR in China are willing to work with all parties in China to facilitate ASEAN-China youth exchanges and to push the cooperation between the two sides to a new level.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said ASEAN-China cooperation has flourished and people-to-people exchanges have become increasingly close, making an important contribution to regional development and prosperity. The ASEAN-China Young Leaders Exchange Festival has built a good platform for youths from both sides to exchange ideas, which will help enhance mutual understanding and friendship and consolidate the foundation for the development of ASEAN-China relations. It is hoped that young people from both sides will give full play to their wisdom and talents and become excellent envoys of ASEAN-China friendly exchanges.

University students from AMS including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand,
Singapore and Viet Nam as well as China spoke at the Youth Forum to exchange their thoughts on the event.

Prior to the event, Vice President Jiang Jiang met with Ambassador Khamphao Ernthavanh and Secretary-General Chen Dehai. They exchanged views on strengthening mutual support and jointly promoting ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and cooperation.

(7) Attended the 2021 China Xinjiang Development Forum

On 15 November 2021, the 2021 China Xinjiang Development Forum, themed “Pursuing the Belt and Road Initiative and Promoting Xinjiang Development”, was successfully held in Beijing. Around 110 guests from more than 30 countries and international organisations, including China, Lao PDR, Indonesia and Malaysia, attended the forum. The forum was co-sponsored by the State Council Information Office of China and the People’s Government of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Ms. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of the Lao PDR to China, acknowledged Xinjiang’s great achievements under the leadership of the CPC in her speech, saying that Xinjiang, with a harmonious society and rapid developing economy, has provided important guarantee for the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, and also brought benefits to Laos-China cooperation projects under the Initiative.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC stated in his speech that ASEAN is an important region to the joint development of the Belt and Road and Xinjiang is located at the core of the Belt and Road, thus giving huge potential to ASEAN-Xinjiang economic and trade cooperation and cultural exchanges. ACC will continue to take an active role in promoting ASEAN-China cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative and vigorously promoting exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China’s sub-national localities for common development and progress. ACC will also continue to closely follow and publicize Xinjiang’s development and make unremitting efforts to deepen cooperation between ASEAN countries and Xinjiang.

(8) Attended the 2021 Hehe Culture Global Forum

On 9 December 2021, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division (IPRD) of ACC, and Mr. Fang Qiang, Deputy Director of IPRD, attended the 2021 Hehe (Harmonious Coexistence) Culture Global Forum and delivered speeches at parallel sessions. They elaborated on ASEAN-China cooperation in COVID-19 response and ecological conservation while stressing ACC’s facilitating role in this process.

(9) Reviewed and Summarized ACC’s Achievements in the Past Ten Years

To commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of ACC, ACC conducted a systematic review of ACC’s work, achievements and experiences in the past ten years, aiming to provide reference and inspiration for advancing its future undertakings. A paper titled “ACC in Ten Years: Achievements & Experiences” was published.

(10) Composed a Summary Report entitled ACC as Activities Centre

In January 2021, ACC composed a summary report entitled ACC as Activities Centre, drawing upon its activities over the last decade for inspiration. The report is available on ACC website.

(11) Updated Series of Articles on ACC Website

In January 2021, ACC updated the data in two articles on its website, namely “ACC as Information Centre” and “An Overview of ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation”.

(12) Published a Congratulatory Message in the China-Laos Special Issue of China Report ASEAN

In April 2021, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Laos-China relations, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai published a congratulatory message in the China-Laos Special Issue of China Report ASEAN.
(13) Provided Articles for China Report

In 2021, ACC has published 6 analytical articles to the magazine China Report, namely “Enhance Understanding, Deepen Friendship and Promote Cooperation—Sidelights on a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and Journalists Stationed in Beijing to Visit Hunan”, “Join Hands for Win-win Cooperation—ASEAN and China Step into the Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation”, “RCEP to Advance ASEAN-China Economic and Trade Cooperation to a New Level”, “Using Culture as a Medium to Deepen ASEAN-China Relations”, “Advancing Steadily Regional Cooperation to Create a Better Tomorrow for Asia” and “Take Active Actions and Continue to Promote ASEAN-China Tourism Exchanges and Cooperation”.

(14) Issued Newsletters

ACC newsletters are aimed to raise awareness of ACC and its role as an information and activities centre, and contribute to enhancing trade, investment, tourism, education, culture, tourism, information and media cooperation between ASEAN and China. In 2021, ACC has issued Newsletters No. 35 - 38 (Winter 2020, Spring, Summer and Autumn 2021) with circulations of 500 per issue. The newsletters were widely distributed to relevant government departments and agencies of AMS and China as well as the general public, and could also be downloaded through ACC website and WeChat platform.

(15) Operated ACC Website and Online Social Media

Guided by the principles of accuracy, timeliness, practicality and innovation, ACC is committed to building a new media platform with its official website serving as the main channel, and social media including WeChat and Weibo as useful supplement. In 2021, ACC uploaded altogether 887 pieces of press releases on the official website, 563 Weibo posts and 1548 WeChat posts.

The Statistics Book: *ASEAN & China in Figures*

[1. Background]

ACC, as a one-stop information centre, produces *ASEAN & China in Figures* annually in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The books, which provide a snapshot of the deepened relationship between ASEAN and China, contain statistical data extracted from reliable sources by government bodies and international organizations, and cover a wide range of areas including social-economic development, trade, investment, people-to-people exchanges, and other aspects in ASEAN-China relations.

[2. Activities]

The 2019 *ASEAN & China in Figures* was printed and distributed in March 2021. Electronic version of this booklet is posted on ACC website and WeChat platform for easy access.

[3. Outcomes]

The booklet is designed to harness the role of ACC as a one-stop information centre and provide information to the public on ASEAN-China cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism and other fields. It helps raise public awareness of the development of ASEAN-China relations, enhance mutual understanding between the people of both sides, and provide practical reference for promoting exchanges and collaboration.
CHAPTER IV
MAJOR EVENTS
Held the 10th Joint Council Meeting

On 17 November 2020, the 10th Joint Council (JC) Meeting of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) was held online. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Tran Duc Binh, Ambassador of Viet Nam to ASEAN, on behalf of the rotating chair of ASEAN and Mr. Deng Xijun, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, heads of all divisions of ACC, Ms. Dong Shuhui, Counsellor of Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, and representatives of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the ASEAN Secretariat attended the meeting.

Members of the ACC Joint Council commended ACC’s efforts over the past year in overcoming the difficulties brought by the pandemic, and organizing colorful activities to celebrate the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, which demonstrated ACC’s positive role and strengthened its function as an information and activities centre. Substantial results have been yielded, giving a boost to the ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation across the board. It was hoped that in 2021 ACC would fully implement the Plan of Action 2021-2025, promote the synergy between BRI and MPAC 2025 in the context of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and the 10th anniversary of ACC under the main theme of the year and in key areas of cooperation, such as public health, economy and trade, sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and people-to-people exchanges, so as to push for new progress in ASEAN-China relations.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked members of the Joint Council for their strong support to ACC and himself. He reiterated the ACC Secretariat would translate the Joint Council decisions into concrete actions, work together with its partners to do a good job in organizing activities in different fields, enhance the level of information service, further deepen practical cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between the two sides, and make new contributions to the development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

The JC members listened to the report of the 2020 Joint Executive Board of ACC, deliberated on and adopted the Summary Record of the 9th JC Meeting, the Annual Report of ACC 2020, the Work Programme and Budget of Operational Expenditure of ACC 2021. The arrangements of the 11th JC Meeting and other related matters were also discussed.

Attended the Understanding China Conference 2020 (Guangzhou)

From 20 to 22 November 2020, the 5th Understanding China Conference was successfully held in Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, China. The Conference was hosted by China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy (CIIDS), Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs, the People’s Government of Guangdong Province and the 21st Century Council, organized by the Guangzhou Municipal Government, and co-organized by CGTN Think Tank. Understanding China Conference has become one of
the most influential platforms for the world to understand China’s development plans. Themed “Huge Shake-up, Big Test, Great Cooperation—China’s New March Toward Modernization and Community with a Shared Future for Humanity”, the Conference attracted over 600 politicians, strategists, scholars and entrepreneurs across the world to attend online and offline. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the opening ceremony, the parallel session and related activities upon invitation.

On the afternoon of 20 November, the grand opening of Understanding China Conference 2020 was held. Mr. Huang Kunming, head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, read out the congratulatory letter from Chinese President Xi Jinping via video link in Beijing. President Xi pointed out that the world today is going through unprecedented changes. He hopes all the attendees can think deeply, discuss actively, build consensus, and contribute wisdom and strength to the promotion of exchanges and cooperation between China and the world and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Mr. Huang Kunming and Mr. Li Xi, Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee addressed the opening ceremony. Mr. Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Ms. Sukarnoputri, former President of Indonesia, Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Mr. Zheng Bijian, Chairman of CIIDS and other well-known politicians and scholars from home and abroad delivered keynote speeches online or offline. They called on all countries to work together to overcome the current difficulties in the face of drastic changes in the global economic and political landscape.

On 21 November, ten parallel sessions of the Conference were held. The guests gathered online or offline for discussions, focusing on a number of hot topics such as new type of infrastructure and manufacturing, financial cooperation, opportunities for transnational companies, urban governance, life and health, scientific and technological innovation, cultural identity and so on, which took a multi-dimensional and multi-angle view of China’s development and global cooperation.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the parallel session of “Cultural Identity and Dialogue of Civilizations in the New Round of Economic Globalization”. Through lively discussions, all participants agreed that in the context of economic globalization, countries should respect each other’s cultural differences, build cultural confidence, conduct in-depth exchanges, and jointly promote mutual
learning among civilizations.

During the Conference, Secretary-General Chen Dehai also attended the panel discussion “Post COVID-19 Cooperation on Global Economic Recovery” and the closed-door session “Challenges and Building of Post COVID-19 World Order” and other activities. He exchanged views with guests from different countries and various sectors on advancing ASEAN-China cooperation in all fields as well as promoting the implementation of the RCEP.

On the evening of 21 November, the closing gala of the Conference was held. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the event. Mr. Zheng Bijian, Chairman of CIIDS, Mr. Wang Chao, President of the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou City, delivered closing speeches. More than 400 guests watched art and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) formation performances afterwards.

Attended the 2020 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Xuzhou) Regional Cooperation and Exchange Conference


The event was presided over by Mr. Zhuang Zhaolin, Mayor of Xuzhou City. Mr. Wang Rongping, Vice Chairman of CPPCC Jiangsu Provincial Committee, Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of SCO, Mr. Zhou Tiegen, Secretary of the CPC Xuzhou Municipal Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Xuzhou Municipal People’s Congress delivered remarks.

Ms. Wang Hongliu elaborated on the development of ASEAN-China friendly cooperation against the background of COVID-19.
She praised SCO for playing an important role in sustaining regional security and prosperity, and noted regional cooperation’s special role in promoting international relations and economic cooperation. She said that the recently signed RCEP agreement embodies the victory of multilateralism and free trade. ACC would like to work closely with SCO and Xuzhou to promote the comprehensive and balanced development of regional economy, society and culture.

The event also witnessed the unveiling ceremony of Xuzhou-SCO Friendship Park and the signing ceremony of 12 cooperation agreements between enterprises, entities and educational institutes from Xuzhou and those from SCO, SCO member states and AMS, including Cambodia and Lao PDR. Xuzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone, Huaihai International Inland Port Operation Corporation Ltd., China Railway Express Xuzhou Corporation, Xuzhou Culture and Tourism Bureau and other enterprises and entities also conducted promotional activities.

During her stay in Xuzhou, Ms. Wang exchanged views with leaders of SCO and Xuzhou city and other conference participants on strengthening cooperation. She also visited local enterprises and demonstration projects including Xuzhou Heavy Machinery Corporation Ltd., Xuzhou Comprehensive Bonded Zone and Zijinshan Beautiful Village.

**Participated in the China-ASEAN NGO Activists Seminar**

On 1 December 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC participated in the China-ASEAN NGO Activists Seminar online, which was organized by China NGO Network for International Exchange. Focusing on the seminar’s theme of “Actions to Deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals”, Ms. Wang delivered a speech and exchanged views with participating experts and scholars.

Director Wang elaborated on the continuous development of ASEAN-China friendly cooperation against the background of COVID-19, highlighted the significance of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement and gave suggestions on how to make synergy of the RCEP agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Wang indicated that ACC stands ready to work closely with all partners to promote cooperation with this end in view.

UN experts, representatives of NGOs of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and social organizations of China were invited to participate in the online seminar. Mr. Wang Ke, Deputy Secretary-General of China NGO Network for International Exchanges, Mr. He Jianqing, Deputy Secretary-General of Chinese Society for Sustainable Development, representatives of AMS NGOs, including Mr. Soeung Saroeun, Executive Director of Cooperation Committee for Cambodia, Mr. U Ko Ko, Honorary President of Myanmar Correspondents’ Association and President of Yangon Media Group, representatives from Lao PDR, Malaysia, UNEP China Office and UN ESCAP spoke at the seminar and exchanged views on promoting UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and deepening cooperation between ASEAN and China.

**Participated in the 2020 “Love Knows No Borders” International Charity Sale**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the 2020 “Love Knows No Borders” International Charity Sale was held online from 12 to 19 December, 2020. The Charity Sale was initiated by Mme. Qian Wei, wife of Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, with the theme of “Love Knows No Borders - Let Dreams Take Flight”.

On the morning of 12 December, the opening ceremony of the 12th “Love Knows No Borders” International Charity Sale was held at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Mme. Qian Wei and Russian Ambassador Denisov Andrey delivered remarks at the ceremony. Based on sales record from previous years, embassies of Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia were awarded prizes for their contribution, donation and dedication. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, accompanied by Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division and Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of Information and Public Relations Division attended the opening ceremony online.
ACC has participated in the charity sale on site for many consecutive years. The money raised from 2020’s charity sale was mainly donated to sponsor children without proper custody in Jinping and Malipo Counties of Southwest China’s Yunnan Province via China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation.

Held the First Session of Joint Executive Board Working Group Meeting in 2021

On 25 March 2021, the First Session of 2021 Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting of ACC was held in Miyun District, Beijing. Representatives from the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of China and embassies of ASEAN Member States (AMS) in China attended the meeting. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, and co-chaired by Ms. Ang Lay Ling, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam in China, and Ms. Hou Pei, Deputy Director of the Regional Cooperation Division of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Heads of all divisions of ACC were present.

Ms. Wang Hongliu thanked JEB members for their strong support to the ACC Secretariat. She noted that this year 2021 marks the 30th Anniversary of the dialogue relations between ASEAN and China and the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. It is also the first year to carry out the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2021-2025), as well as the 10th anniversary of the founding of ACC. The ACC Secretariat is committed to earnestly fulfilling its duty to make further contributions to the sound development of ASEAN-China relations, and looks forward to continued guidance and support from all JEB members.

Ms. Ang Lay Ling commended the successful holding of the face-to-face meeting and fully affirmed the role and contributions of ACC in enhancing friendship and promoting cooperation in various fields between AMS and China. She said that the year 2021 is of great significance to China, ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations, which will bring more opportunities to ASEAN-China cooperation. As the rotating chair of ASEAN this year, Brunei will work hand in hand with ACC to promote mutual support and collaboration between ASEAN and China, and push for new development of ASEAN-China relations.

Ms. Hou Pei said that since the 10th Joint Council Meeting held in November 2020, ACC has carried out a variety of activities
in an innovative manner and achieved good results. In 2021, China will take the opportunity of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations to deepen practical cooperation between the two sides in various areas in all dimensions, make the year of sustainable development cooperation a success, and inject more impetus into defeating the pandemic and achieving economic recovery and sustainable development in the region at an early date. She hoped that ACC would play a greater role and make new contributions to the upgrading of ASEAN-China relations.

Heads of ACC divisions reviewed the progress of each division since the 10th Joint Council Meeting and outlined the work plan for the next stage. Representatives of JEB members spoke highly of the important role ACC has played in ASEAN-China cooperation and commended the productive work carried out by ACC against the backdrop of regular pandemic prevention and control, and gave ideas and suggestions on the implementation of relevant cooperation projects in 2021. They pledged full support to and close collaboration with the ACC Secretariat as always, in promoting ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields to achieve more fruitful results.

**Held the 2nd Exchange of ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation**

On 30 March 2021, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) held the 2nd Exchange on the ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation. Officials from Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Ministry of Science and Technology, the National Health Commission, and the National Medical Products Administration, representatives from Sinopharm, Sinovac Biotech Ltd. and CanSinoBIO, experts and scholars attended the meeting. Representatives from embassies of ASEAN Member States (AMS) joined the event.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, delivered a welcome speech and stated that ACC will continue to play its bridging role by organizing more activities to push forward anti-epidemic cooperation between ASEAN and China for the benefit of the people in the region. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, chaired the exchange.

Ms. Fang Hong, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Chinese MFA, reviewed the joint efforts
and achievements made by ASEAN and China in the fight against the pandemic since the outbreak of COVID-19. She pointed out that ASEAN has always been a priority in China’s diplomacy. As State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has repeatedly emphasized, China will continue to provide anti-epidemic support to AMS based on their needs. China has launched an International Travel Health Certificate and is willing to work with AMS to promote the implementation of global mutual recognition of health codes to facilitate cross-border movement of people and encourage economic recovery in the region. 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of dialogue relations between China and ASEAN. China wishes to further strengthen exchanges and cooperation with AMS through the platform of Vaccine Friend cooperation to jointly build a global community of health for all. The representative from the Department of Consular Affairs of MFA reviewed the work progress in the global mutual recognition of health codes.

The official from Ministry of Science and Technology of China briefed on the progress of China’s COVID-19 vaccine R&D and international cooperation. The representative from the National Immunization Program of the Chinese Centre of Disease Control and Prevention gave an overview of the progress of vaccination in China. The representative from the National Medical Products Administration presented the relevant regulations on vaccine administration in China. Representatives from Sinopharm, Sinovac Biotech Ltd. and CanSinoBIO gave brief introductions on the latest development of their vaccine research. The Chinese participants expressed willingness to work closely with AMS for rapid and effective containment of the epidemic.

Mr. See Chee Kong, Minister of the Malaysian Embassy in China, Mr. Victor Hardjono, Minister Counsellor of the Indonesian Embassy, Ms. Quek Shei Ting, Counsellor of the Singaporean Embassy, Mr. Tran Thanh Hai, Counsellor of the Viet Nam Embassy and other AMS diplomats expressed appreciation to the Chinese MFA and ACC for organizing this event and stressed that in the face of COVID-19, vaccine cooperation is of utmost importance for all AMS. ASEAN looks forward to reinforcing collaboration with China on vaccines and related fields to bring the epidemic under control and revive the economy at an early date.

During the exchange, the participants had a lively and in-depth exchange of views on issues of common concern such as vaccine R&D, production and procurement, the resumption of personnel, economic and trade exchanges and mutual certification of vaccines.

Organized ASEAN Female Diplomats to Visit Yangzhou

From 6 to 8 April 2021, ACC organized a delegation of female diplomats from ASEAN Member States (AMS) to visit Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province. Mr. Chen Yang, Chairman of Yangzhou Municipal Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative
Conference (CPPCC) and Mr. Yu Ting, Deputy Mayor of Yangzhou, met with and hosted a welcome banquet for the delegation of 22 people. Among them were Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, Mrs. Sih Elsiwi Handayani Oratmangun, Spouse of Indonesian Ambassador to China, Mrs. Tengku Sofia Dora Binti Tengku Mohamad, Spouse of Malaysian Ambassador to China, female diplomats from embassies of Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC. Mr. Wang Jun, Vice Chairman of CPPCC Yangzhou Municipal Committee and Ms. Wang Yuqin, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Yangzhou, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Chen Yang warmly welcomed the delegation to Yangzhou and appreciated ACC for organizing this meaningful trip. He gave a brief introduction on the latest economic and social development of Yangzhou. With a long history and splendid culture, pleasant environment and climate, rich resources and outstanding regional advantages, Yangzhou has attracted many AMS such as Malaysia to make investments and develop businesses. Under the theme “Green City, Green Life”, the six-month-long International Horticultural Exposition 2021 (Yangzhou Expo) will be held from 8 April to 8 October with the participation of 26 countries including Thailand. He expressed hope that with flowers as an intermediary and taking the opportunity of receiving ASEAN female diplomats, Yangzhou will make a good start in further strengthening exchanges and cooperation with AMS in the post-COVID-19 era and promote ASEAN-China relations to a new level.

Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh expressed her appreciation to the Yangzhou Municipal People’s Government for their hospitality and considerate arrangements and thanked ACC for organizing the visit. She said ASEAN attaches great importance to ASEAN-China relationship. The two sides have conducted practical cooperation in many fields which has brought tangible benefits to people in the region. The year 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations. At present, ASEAN and China are each other’s largest trading partners. ASEAN is willing to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with China in various fields to jointly promote the economic recovery of the region and the resumption of personnel exchanges, so as to inject more vigor to ASEAN-China relations. She believed that the delegation would learn more about Yangzhou and the local development of China through this visit, and each delegate would play an active role in deepening the friendly and practical cooperation between ASEAN and Yangzhou.

During their stay in Yangzhou, the delegation was invited to attend the opening ceremony of the International Horticultural Exposition 2021 (Yangzhou Expo), visited the Malaysia invested PERFECT Co., Ltd (Yangzhou), Yangzhou Ge Garden, Slender West Lake and experienced potted landscape making and Guzheng performances which helped the delegates to learn more about the local history and Chinese culture.
Attended the Main Event of 2021 Space Day of China

From 23 to 26 April, the main event of 2021 Space Day of China, with the theme of “Voyaging into Space, Pursuing Dreams”, was held in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. The main event consisted of more than 20 activities, including the opening ceremony, the International Lunar Research Station Promotion Conference, the 4th China Space Conference, and the activity of China’s Space Image Ambassadors. On behalf of ACC, Mr. Ye Feng, Deputy Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division attended the opening ceremony and related activities.

On 23 April, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and its Russian counterpart Roscosmos jointly held a conference for the international lunar research station in Nanjing. Mr. Wu Yanhua, Deputy Director of CNSA, presided over and addressed the conference. Dr. Di Pippo, Director of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) delivered remarks. Mr. Yuri Urlichich, First Deputy General Manager of Roscosmos, delivered remarks. The conference issued a Joint Declaration on Jointly Building an International Lunar Research Station by CNSA and Roscosmos. Representatives from around 30 countries and international organizations joined the conference online and offline.

On April 24, the Launching Ceremony of the 2021 Space Day of China & Opening Ceremony of the 2021 China Space Conference was held at the Nanjing Shangqinhuai International Cultural Exchange Centre. Mr. Wu Zhenglong, Governor of Jiangsu Province, Mr. Zhang Kejian, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China and Administrator of CNSA and Mr. Han Liming, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee and Secretary of the CPC Nanjing Municipal Committee, attended and addressed the launching ceremony. Mr. Qi Jiabin, Vice Governor of Jiangsu Province participated in the ceremony. Dr. Di Pippo, Director of UNOOSA, Mr. Dmitry Rogozin, General Manager of Roscosmos, Mr. Amer Nadeem, Chairman of Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) and other representatives of the international space community sent congratulatory videos. More than 40 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering, representatives from relevant ministries and commissions, space agencies, universities, Chinese media and diplomatic envoys from Russia, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Thailand, the United States and other countries,
representatives from Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), ACC and other international organizations attended the launching ceremony. The theme promotional video of the 2021 Space Day of China was broadcast at the ceremony; Mr. Zhang Kejian passed the flag of Space Day of China on to Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics. CNSA announced the name of China’s first Mars rover “Zhurong”, and awarded the titles of China’s Space Image Ambassadors. A number of awards were announced and presented, including the Award of Space Exploration and Artistic Creation Competition and the Award of China Space Foundation. Mr. Qi Jiabin, on behalf of the Jiangsu provincial government, signed strategic cooperation agreements with 5 companies including the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).

The launching ceremony marked the opening of the 2021 China Space Conference, the highlight of the sixth Space Day of China. With the theme of “New Starting Point, New Journey, New Vision”, the conference set up more than 30 activities including forums and relevant exhibitions to fully display the cutting-edge space technology, thoroughly discuss the future of space, and promote extensive and in-depth global cooperation in the field of aerospace. During the conference, ACC representative also attended the International Symposium on Space Industry Development and Commercial Space and the International Symposium on the Rule of Law in Outer Space and gained insight into the cooperation and development in the international space industry. The two symposiums respectively focused on the advanced technological concepts and applications of Chinese and foreign commercial space companies, and the challenges, changes and development of global outer space governance in the new era.

During the event, ACC representative also visited the exhibition of Public Awareness Week of Space Day of China, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Purple Mountain Observatory of Chinese Academy of Sciences and other aerospace universities and research institutions.

In 2016, China designated 24 April as the country’s Space Day to mark the launch of its first satellite Dongfanghong-1 into space on 24 April 1970. Up to 2021, China has held five main events consecutively in Beijing, Xi’an, Harbin, Changsha and Fuzhou. The main event of the 2021 Space Day of China, co-hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China, CNSA and the People’s Government of Jiangsu Province, is organized by the Nanjing Municipal Government and Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and co-organized by the Jiangning District Government of Nanjing and Nanjing University of Science and Technology.

Co-hosted with Indonesian Embassy Symposium on ASEAN-China Public Health Cooperation

On 21 May 2021, the Symposium on ASEAN-China Public Health Cooperation jointly organized by the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in China and Xuzhou Municipal People’s Government was successfully held in Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province. About 150 representatives from 20 countries and international organizations including China and ASEAN Member States (AMS), Xuzhou Municipal government, public health experts from East Asia, university scholars and entrepreneurs, attended the symposium online and offline.

Mr. Zhou Tiegen, Secretary of CPC Xuzhou Committee, delivered his opening remarks and thanked ACC and the Indonesian Embassy in China for choosing Xuzhou to host the event. He said that Xuzhou is a city of vitality and prosperity with a long history and profound culture. Xuzhou will give full play to the advantages of close ties with ASEAN, strengthen dialogue and communication, and build a demonstration window for foreign exchanges. Xuzhou and ASEAN could enhance economic cooperation and trade to support economic recovery, and create a first-class business environment in China; cooperate in fighting the epidemic and build a solid defense for health and security; promote cultural and people-to-people exchanges, so as to contribute “Xuzhou’s power” to building the ASEAN-China community with a shared future and sharing the development opportunities with ASEAN.

Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, spoke via video that the COVID-19 pandemic is both a serious challenge and an opportunity to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. ASEAN and China should continue to work jointly and closely to accomplish the dual task of disease prevention and economic recovery through constructive
dialogue between political decision makers, public health experts and medical industries. He believed that the establishment and deepening of the dialogue would help promote mutual trust and enhance the understanding of public health and sustainable development among people on both sides.

Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia to China, highly commended ASEAN and China for standing together through thick and thin during the epidemic, and expressed his sincere gratitude to the medical and nursing staff who have been fighting against the epidemic at the front line. He said that ASEAN and China are jointly writing a new chapter in public health cooperation, with Malaysia becoming the second AMS to cooperate with China on vaccines after Indonesia. He expected to make full use of this symposium to further strengthen practical cooperation and provide guarantee and sustainable driving force for the development of AMS including Malaysia.

Mr. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, through his online speech, spoke highly of the joint efforts made by AMS and China to fight the epidemic. He noted that in the year when the COVID-19 pandemic swept all over the world, AMS and China have worked together, provided each other with anti-pandemic supplies and shared information closely. The social and economic conditions of both sides improved greatly compared with last year. The epidemic has greatly promoted public health interactions between AMS and China at all levels. Both sides should continue to deepen technical exchanges and professional personnel training, and better explore effective measures to resume economy and people-to-people exchanges and carry out meaningful and substantive cooperation.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, expressed in his speech that AMS and China have been working together to combat the epidemic, with leaders from both sides maintaining close contact and reaching important consensus on enhancing public health cooperation, and vigorously promoting cooperation in policy dialogue and exchange, prevention and control of infectious diseases, the use of information and communication technologies to promote the sustainable development of public health and personnel training, which has achieved remarkable results. In the future, AMS and China should continue to leverage the role of existing mechanisms to enhance capacity building in the field of health, strengthen cooperation on scientific and technological innovation in virus tracing, vaccine and drug research and development, and promote international collaboration to jointly promote global public health governance and build a human health community.

Mr. Chen Junjie, Counsellor of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, said that AMS and
China have stood together and worked hand in hand to help each other in times of difficulty in the face of the epidemic. China is willing to work together with ASEAN to turn crises into opportunities, deepen bilateral public health cooperation, build an ASEAN-China health community, promote common economic recovery and make efforts to build closer ASEAN-China relationships.

The symposium focused on the overview of ASEAN-China cooperation on public health, vaccine and epidemic prevention, personnel training and technical exchanges and the role of information, communication and medical technology for the sustainable development of public health in East Asia. Ms. Maria Rosario S. Vergeiri, Undersecretary of the Department of Health of the Philippines, Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, Special Adviser on Public Health to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and government officials from the Department of Health of AMS including Indonesia, Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister of Indonesian Embassy in China, Mr. Deny Wachyudi Kurnia, Consul General of Indonesia to Shanghai, Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-Japan Centre, experts and scholars from China Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, China Biotechnology Development Centre, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, officials from the Foreign Affairs Office and Health Commission of Jiangsu Province, Drug Administration of Xuzhou and representatives from Chinese pharmaceutical companies such as China Sinopharm International Corporation and Sinovac Biotech, made speeches and put forward practical suggestions on strengthening public health safety governance, promoting unified vaccine certification, developing health applications for internet and portable device, and building a regional disease prevention and control system. Government officials of AMS, representatives from diplomatic missions in China including ambassador of Palestine and representatives from international organizations such as the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) attended the meeting online, and had a lively discussion together. Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia to China, Mr. Deny Wachyudi Kurnia, Consul General of Indonesia to Shanghai, and representatives of ACC gave interviews to the local media. Chinese and foreign media such as People’s Daily Online, Global Times, The Star of Malaysia and China Report ASEAN also covered the event.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Zhang Ke, Vice Mayor of Xuzhou, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, signed the Memorandum of Cooperation between the People’s Government of Xuzhou and ACC. Mr. Chen Dehai and other guests also visited the Economic and Technological Development Zone of Xuzhou, Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Co., Ltd (XCMG), Fosun Pharma and the Cultural Site of Han Dynasty to learn and experience more about the development of local industries and Chinese traditional culture.

Held the Second Session of Joint Executive Board Working Group Meeting in 2021

On 8 July 2021, the ACC Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting was held in Yanqing, Beijing. Representatives from the Department of Asia Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of China and the embassies of ten ASEAN Member States (AMS) in China attended the meeting. Heads of all divisions of ACC were present. The meeting was hosted by Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, and co-chaired by Ms. Ang Lay Ling, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam, the rotating ASEAN Chair, and Mr. Ma Xiaohui, Deputy Director of the Regional Cooperation Division of the Department of Asia Affairs of Chinese MFA.

Ms. Wang Hongliu thanked the members of the JEB for their strong support to ACC. She said ACC had achieved the expected results in promoting ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields. The ASEAN-China Special Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations held in Chongqing had injected new impetus into the cooperation between the two sides. ACC would earnestly implement the guiding principles of the Special Foreign Ministers’ Meeting into practice, follow the instructions of the Joint Council and JEB, and actively carry out projects and activities in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and the 10th anniversary of the establishment of ACC. She looked forward to the continued guidance and assistance of the members of the JEB.

Heads of ACC divisions introduced the working progress respectively since the JEB Working Group Meeting in March 2021 and outlined the next phase of work envisioned. Ms. Wang Hongliu also explained the basic framework of the 2022 Work Programme
of ACC. Representatives of the JEB member countries positively evaluated the ACC’s arrangement for this meeting and highly appreciated the creative work and rich results achieved by ACC in the context of the pandemic. They put forward their views and suggestions on the implementation of relevant projects and ACC’s 2022 Work Programme. They expressed that they would, as always, fully support and cooperate with ACC and further promote fruitful ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

Held the 3rd Exchange of ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation

On 22 July 2021, ACC held the 3rd Exchange on the ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation. Officials from Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), National Health Commission, National Medical Products Administration, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, also representatives from Sinopharm, Sinovac Biotech Ltd. and CanSinoBIO, experts and scholars attended the meeting. Health specialists and experts from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and representatives from AMS embassies joined the exchange online.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC gave opening remarks and chaired the exchange. She stated that 2021 marks the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and ACC will continue to play its bridging role to push forward vaccine and other public health related cooperation between ASEAN and China. Ms. Fang Hong, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of Chinese MFA, stated that China is the largest supplier of vaccines to the developing countries. As friendly neighbor, China has always been giving priority to ASEAN and other neighboring countries in the cooperation of fighting COVID-19. China is willing to cooperate with ASEAN in such areas as vaccine effectiveness monitoring and vaccine update and research. She also suggested to take full use of the “ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend” cooperation platform to deepen ASEAN-China public health cooperation and improve the response to future public health crises for both sides. Mr. Kung
Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, highly recognized the positive role of “ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend” cooperation. He pointed out that vaccine is currently the most effective weapon to deal with the pandemic and hopefully ASEAN and China will continue to advance and deepen cooperation in related fields, assisting in increasing the vaccination rate of AMS, safeguarding the health and safety of people in the region.

Professor Gao Fu, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, introduced the current situation of COVID-19, China’s vaccine research, development and vaccination. He suggested that the world should work together to cope with the pandemic following the principles of science, openness and transparency since virus is the common enemy of mankind. China has made great contributions since the outbreak of the pandemic. As good partner and neighbor, China is willing to continue to cooperate closely with AMS to share experience and fight COVID-19 together. Professor Gao also made responses to vaccine-related questions.

Representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore introduced their respective policies concerning the pandemic and vaccination, and also exchanged views with Chinese experts. Discussion on vaccine effect monitoring, update and development, applicable population, promotion of vaccination and mutual certification were of common concern during the exchange. AMS representatives appreciated China and ACC for organizing such activities again, and expressed their willingness to maintain close communication with China to jointly advance cooperation and deepen mutual benefit and win-win results.

Co-hosted the “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” Global Youth Business Programme

From 1 to 3 August 2021, ACC organized a delegation of ASEAN Diplomatic Envoys to visit Yiwu, Zhejiang Province, and co-hosted the “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” Global Youth Business Programme (GYBP).

On 2 August 2021, the Opening Ceremony of the “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” GYBP was held in Yiwu. The event was jointly organized by ACC, the Zhejiang Provincial People’s Government, the Chinese Mission to ASEAN and the China-ASEAN Association.

Mr. Wang Jian, Mayor of Yiwu, addressed that Yiwu, hailed by President Xi Jinping as the World Capital of Small Commodities, is an international land port linking the whole world and a favored place for entrepreneurship and innovation by young people around the globe. ASEAN is one of Yiwu’s largest trading partners. In recent years, the two sides have carried out closer cooperation in economic, trade and people-to-people exchanges. In 2020, the trade volume between Yiwu and ASEAN reached US$5.07 billion with US$4.74 billion exported to ASEAN, accounting for 1.23 percent of China’s exports to the region. Yiwu looks forward to deepening cooperation with ASEAN Member States (AMS) in import and cross-border e-commerce and connectivity. He sincerely invited AMS to visit, understand, and experience the unique charm of Yiwu.

Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, expressed appreciation to the Yiwu Municipal Government and other organizers for hosting the event. He spoke highly of the fruitful cooperation achieved in various fields in the past 30 years since the establishment of dialogue relations between ASEAN and China, and emphasized that people-to-people exchanges represent an important aspect of friendly exchanges between the two sides. Most ASEAN students in China choose to major in language, culture, science and technology, economics, business and medicine. Thailand has the largest number of students studying in China among
AMS. He hoped that through the “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” GYBP, ASEAN young trainees would make greater achievements in the business sector and contribute more to the development of ASEAN-China relations.

Mr. Deng Xijun, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, spoke online that young people from ASEAN and China have made important contributions to the development of ASEAN-China relations. Bringing together the creativity of young people will certainly promote China-ASEAN cooperation to more fields and higher levels, and provide a powerful boost to build a community with shared future.

Mr. Yuan Mindao, Secretary-General of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), in his online speech said that the CPAFFC and the China-ASEAN Association have always been committed to promoting amity and mutual understanding between ASEAN and China and are willing to strengthen ties and enhance understanding with all parties, especially young ASEAN students in China, to jointly promote the innovative development of ASEAN-China people-to-people friendship.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, stated that ASEAN and China are good neighbors, friends, partners and relatives enjoying geographical proximity and cultural affinity. Since 2020, ASEAN and China have joined hands to battle COVID-19 and have become each other’s largest trading partner, which demonstrates the strong vitality and huge potential of ASEAN-China relations. ASEAN is Yiwu’s longstanding friend and largest trading partner. The cooperation under the framework of BRI between the two sides also witnessed remarkable progress. The “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” GYBP received positive response from AMS embassies in China and ASEAN youth. She hoped the event would further promote friendship and cooperation between the two sides.

Dr. Muhammad Firdaus Abdul Rahman, Chairman of the Brunei-China Friendship Association, and other local officials also addressed the Opening Ceremony. Around 100 people, including government officials of Zhejiang province and Yiwu, diplomats of AMS embassies in China and students of “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” GYBP, attended the Opening Ceremony. More than 130 people joined the Programme online, including representatives of organizations and local youth entrepreneurs from AMS.

GYBP consists of training on cross-border e-commerce, international trade and live streaming. So far 7 sessions have been held under the Programme, with 236 participants from more than 60 countries.

On the afternoon of 2 August, the delegation attended the Yiwu-ASEAN Meeting on Imports together with the Yiwu Municipal Government, ASEAN and Chinese enterprises in Yiwu and trainees from GYBP. Representatives of Yiwu Commerce Bureau, Yiwu
Comprehensive Bonded Zone Operation and Management Company of the Zhejiang China Commodities City Group and Zhejiang International Trading Supply Chain Service Co., Ltd. introduced the import policy of Yiwu and shared experience in imports and exports.

On the sideline of the visit, Mr. Wang Jian, Mayor of Yiwu, met with the delegation of diplomats from AMS. He exchanged views with Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China and head of the delegation, on practical cooperation and friendly exchanges between Yiwu and ASEAN. Ms. Razida Hanim Binti Abdul Razak, Minister Counsellor from the Malaysian Embassy in China, officials from embassies and consulates general in China of the Lao PDR, Singapore and other AMS and Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, were present at the meeting.

In Yiwu, the delegation also visited Yiwu International Trade Mart, Yiwu-Xinjiang-Europe Freight Train Station, Yiwu Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, Imported Commodities Trade Plaza, Exhibition of ASEAN Selected Goods in Yiwu, Beautiful Countryside and other venues, and participated in “ASEAN Web Celebrity Training Camp” with trainees of GYBP. Diplomats of AMS were deeply impressed by Yiwu’s openness, inclusive and innovative development, and said they would like to learn from Yiwu’s experience and encourage more ASEAN enterprises and young people to do business in Yiwu.

Attended the China-ASEAN Women’s Forum 2021

On 12 September 2021, themed “Pool Women’s Strength to Jointly Build the Belt and Road”, the China-ASEAN Women’s Forum 2021 was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Ms. Xia Jie, Vice President and Member of the Secretariat of the All-China Women’s Federation (ACWF), Ms. Yang Jinghua, Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the People’s Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Li Chu, Mayor of Guilin, and Ms. Zin Mar Htwe, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Myanmar in China attended and addressed the opening ceremony. Nearly 140 people including officials from diplomatic missions of ASEAN Member States (AMS) in China, women representatives from all circles of AMS and China and the representative of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) attended the event.

Focused on “Women and Sustainable Development in the New Situation”, guests conducted deep exchanges and discussions at the forum. Ms. Rukmini Tri Setiati, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Indonesia, and Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Counsellor (Culture and Education) of the Embassy of Lao PDR, delivered keynote speeches. 14 Women’s Federations of Chinese provinces, autonomous regions and cities signed a Memorandum on Joint Efforts of Women’s Federations to Serve the Belt and Road Initiative, aiming to build a long-term and effective cooperation mechanism to facilitate the sustainable development of women and strengthening the women’s friendship between ASEAN and China.

The guests visited the ecological protection in the Lijiang River Basin, the models of rural transformation in Li Village and Jiwodu Village, and the women’s innovation and entrepreneurship in Huangluoyao Village and Jinzhuzhuang Village.
Held the Symposium to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations

On 17 September 2021, ACC held a symposium in Beijing with the theme “Promoting ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Sustainable Development in the New Normal” to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. Ambassador Zhang Jiuhuan, Special Representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei, Mr. Hu Zhengyue, Vice President of China Public Diplomacy Association, Mr. Deng Xijun, Ambassador of China to ASEAN, officials from embassies of all ASEAN Member States (AMS) in Beijing, experts, scholars and media among others, around 100 participants attended the symposium, which was moderated by Professor Zhai Kun from the School of International Relations of Peking University. The symposium reviewed the fruitful achievements of ASEAN-China cooperation in the past 30 years, discussed the future sustainable development of the relations, and actively offered suggestions.

Ambassador Zhang Jiuhuan said that over the past 30 years, ASEAN and China have made development and remarkable achievements in their relations. ASEAN-China relations are the most successful and dynamic model in the Asia-Pacific region, and have become an important pillar for regional peace and stability as well as development and prosperity. In the face of the new international situation, ASEAN and China should continue to deepen all-round friendly cooperation, strengthen political mutual trust, deepen anti-epidemic cooperation, vigorously promote economic recovery, further unleash the potential of bilateral relations and join hands to create a new era of ASEAN-China cooperation.

ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Kung Phoak said in a video statement that over the past 30 years, ASEAN and China have developed and deepened their relations, continued to broaden the areas of cooperation, and increasingly consolidated the three pillars of cooperation, political security, economy, and social culture. The strategic partnership between the two sides has become one of the most enriching and dynamic partnerships in the region. Under the impact of the epidemic, ASEAN and China have been working together to strengthen cooperation in the field of public health and ensure smooth and stable regional and global supply chains. ASEAN
is willing to work with China to build a closer partnership and push the relationship to a new level.

Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun said that over the past 30 years since the establishment of dialogue relations between ASEAN and China, cooperation in various fields such as political security, economy and humanity has been fruitful and has effectively benefited people of the region. Looking ahead, as technology continues to advance, ASEAN-China cooperation will be certainly further improved and upgraded by quality, and keep moving towards the long-term goal of common prosperity. Indonesia is willing to work together with China to promote regional and global economic recovery and build an open and free global trading system.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, said that ASEAN and China are friends in solidarity, always uphold sense of community, watch out for each other and overcome difficulties together. The leaders of AMS and China have designated 2021 as the year of cooperation on sustainable development, and both are committed to strengthening communication and coordination to achieve sustainable development under the new normal. The two sides should strengthen cooperation in ecological protection, disaster prevention and mitigation, climate change and poverty reduction, jointly promote the early entry into force and implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, advance high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, and deepen partnerships in digital economy, technology innovation and blue economy. The two sides will also work together to implement the 2030 Strategic Partnership Vision and the Action Plan of the Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2021-2025). This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of ACC. ACC is willing to work hand in hand with all parties to make positive contributions to building a closer and higher level of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China and Mr. Raja Mushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia, sent congratulatory messages via video for the symposium, reviewing the history of ASEAN-China relations in the past 30 years and expressing their heartfelt wishes for both sides to consolidate and create further cooperation under the new normal.

Ambassador Deng Xijun gave a comprehensive introduction to the important meetings held between ASEAN and China this year and the cooperation outcomes in various fields. Mr. Hu Zhengyue, Vice President of China Public Diplomacy Association, and Mme. Ma Keqing, former Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines, combined their diplomatic experiences to summarize how China has been developing relations with ASEAN in the past 30 years. Professor Zhai Kun, Mr. Guo Yanjun, Director of the Institute of Asian Studies at the Foreign Affairs Institute, and Mr. Liu Chang, researcher at the China Institute of International Studies, provided insightful analyses of the evolution of the world and regional situations and the enhancement of ASEAN-China relations in the global landscape. They believe that the success of ASEAN-China cooperation lies in adhering to the principles of mutual trust and goodwill, treating each other as equals, looking out for each other, seeking for win-win cooperation and adhering to consensus and upholding multilateralism. ASEAN-China relations are at a new starting point and facing new opportunities. The two sides should build on the momentum of innovation, deepen political trust, strengthen cooperation in combating epidemics, promote economic recovery, further unleash the vitality and potential of the relations, jointly build a united and harmonious regional family, and make unremitting efforts to create a more exciting and powerful relationship for the next 30 years.

The symposium has gained wide media coverage including China Media Group, China Daily, sina.com and so on.

Held Reception in Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations

On 17 September 2021, a reception in celebrating the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations was held in Beijing. Mr. Zhang Jiuhuan, special representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir, Ambassador of ASEAN Rotating Chair Brunei Darussalam to China, and Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia attended the event together with diplomatic envoys of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, representatives of international organization, including Mr. Yerik Sarsebek Ashimov, Mr. Zhang Haizhou and Mr. Azymbakiev Muratbek Abakirovich, Deputy Secretaries-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), officials from central governments of China, former Chinese ambassadors to ASEAN countries and representatives from circles of business, culture, education, tourism, academics and media, around 200 in total were present.
In remarks on behalf of the ASEAN side, Ambassador Rahmani stressed that in the 30 years since the establishment of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, the two sides have worked together for peace and stability, promoted regional development and prosperity, and set an example of Asia-Pacific regional cooperation. As the rotating chair of ASEAN, Brunei is willing to keep working with other ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China to deepen cooperation in combating the pandemic, promote exchanges and sustainable development in various fields including trade, people-to-people exchanges and etc, and continuously enhance the level of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, expressed great gratitude to the AMS and Chinese governments and the social communities for their long-standing support and assistance to ACC’s work. SG Chen said that since the establishment of dialogue relations in 1991, ASEAN and China have made great achievements in enhancing political mutual trust, economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges. Standing at a new historical starting point, the two sides should look forward to greater cooperation in the next 30 years, grasp new opportunities and forge a closer community with brighter prospects. ACC will work with all partners to make greater contributions to the all-round, in-depth, sustainable and resilient strategic partnership between ASEAN and China.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Ambassador Zhang Jiuhuan, Ambassador Rahmani, Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun, representatives of AMS embassies and international organizations cut the commemorative cake and witnessed the official launch of the ASEAN Cultural Handbook Series. A video of congratulatory messages from AMS Ambassadors to China and Chinese Ambassadors to AMS was played, the Blue Sky Little Angels Art Troupe, Capital Normal University, ACC and Yiwu City also brought wonderful performances including dances, Tai Chi and Wuju Opera, which added a festive and joyful atmosphere to the reception. The guests wished ASEAN-China relations a brighter future and ACC to exert more influence in the future.

**Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 13th China-Northeast Asia Expo**

On 23 September 2021, the 13th China-Northeast Asia (CNEA) Expo, co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of China, the National Development and Reform Commission, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and the People’s
Government of Jilin Province, held its opening ceremony and the 11th High-Level Forum on Northeast Asia Cooperation in Changchun.

Mr. Han Jun, Governor of Jilin Province, presided over the meeting. Mr. Yang Jiechi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jing Junhai, Secretary of the CPC Jilin Provincial Committee and Director of the Standing Committee of the Jilin Provincial People’s Congress, Mr. Wang Bingnan, Vice Minister of Commerce of China, Mr. Cong Liang, Vice Chairman of China National Development and Reform Commission, and Mr. Ke Liangdong, Vice Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, delivered speeches online or offline respectively.

Mr. S. Amarsekhan, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Mr. Yun Jong Ho, Minister of External Economic Affairs of DPRK, Mr. Park Chong Soo, Chairman of the Presidential Committee on Northern Economic Cooperation of ROK, Mr. Nagasaka Yasumasa, State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan, Mr. Andrey Denisov, Russian Ambassador to China, Mr. Romano Prodi and Former Prime Minister of Italy sent video or written messages.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, was invited to attend the above-mentioned activities. On 22 September, Director Wang took part in Secretary Jing Junhai’s meeting with foreign guests attending the expo, while Governor Han Jun was present.

The 13th CNEA Expo was held from September 23 to 27, 2021. Themed with “Join Hands with Northeast Asian Countries for New Development”, the expo set up 7 pavilions, including Science and Technology Innovation Pavilion, Automobile Pavilion, Northeast Asian Countries Pavilion, Jilin Pavilion, Provincial, Regional and Municipal Pavilion, Imported Goods Pavilion and New Media Live Broadcast Pavilion. After the opening ceremony and forum, officials of ACC visited the main pavilions of the Expo. In Changchun, Director Wang Hongliu also had extensive exchanges with representatives from Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Jilin Foreign Affairs Office, embassies and consulates of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and Northeast Asian countries, business associations and enterprises.

Co-hosted the Forum on the Establishment of ASEAN-China Mangrove Eco-corridor

On 27 September 2021, the ASEAN-China Center (ACC), co-organized with Global Climate Action Initiative (GCAI) and China Environmental Protection Foundation (CEPF) one of the NGO forums of the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), “Nature-based Solution: the Establishment of ASEAN-China Mangrove Eco-corridor” in Kunming, China.

Mr. Xie Zhenhua, China’s Special Envoy on Climate Change Affairs and Co-chairman of GCAI, Ms. Rachel Herrera, Climate Change Commissioner of the Office of President of the Philippines, Dr. Thet Thet Zin, Former Deputy Minister of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, delivered video speeches at the opening ceremony. Mr. Li Haiyan, Secretary General of GACI, presided over the forum, and about 400 participants from China and ASEAN Member States (AMS) such as Myanmar, Indonesia, Cambodia and the Philippines, representatives of governments and NGOs, experts and scholars, attended the forum online and offline.

Mr. Xie Zhenhua said that Mangrove forest is one of the most important coastal wetland ecosystems and is conducive to the protection of biodiversity. It is the common challenge for China and AMS to coordinate economic development in coastal areas and
realize mangrove conservation. ASEAN-China Mangrove Conservation Network, which is organized by China and ASEAN civil society, deserves strong support. It is important for both sides to actively strengthen dialogue and exchange, share experience to protect mangrove and marine biodiversity, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and achieve sustainable regional development.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that in recent years, ASEAN and China have made unremitting efforts in ecological and environmental protection, disaster prevention and mitigation, climate change control, poverty alleviation and reduction. As a nature-based solution, mangrove ecological corridor construction can be a key point for the relevant cooperation process. ACC hopes that this forum could strengthen the construction and protection of regional mangrove ecosystems and open a new stage for ASEAN-China sustainable development cooperation.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, moderated a round table dialogue “Discussion on the status and conservation gap of ASEAN-China mangroves”. Representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources of China, the Ministry of Environment of Cambodia, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines respectively introduced the current status of mangrove conservation, policy guidelines and development plans of their countries, and expressed the willingness to deepen cooperation with each other.

Mr. Wang Yi, Vice President of the Institute of Science and Development of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Mr. Chen Guangcheng, Researcher of Third Institute of Oceanography of the Ministry of Natural Resources as well as a number of NGOs from China, AMS and overseas exchanged views on strengthening joint actions, giving full play to the role of NGOs and building ASEAN-China Mangrove Conservation Network through case sharing and dialogue. The forum also showed a short video of “Mangroves and I” Mangrove Drawing Competition of Children from ASEAN countries and China. In the end, the ASEAN-China Mangrove Conservation Network was formally launched at the forum.

The 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) NGO Forum was held in Kunming from 27 to 28 September 2021. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Ms. Mrema, Executive Secretary of CBD Secretariat, Mr. Chen Zhou, Vice Minister of the Foreign Liaison Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Mr. Xu Guang, Chairman of China Environmental Protection Foundation (CEPF) attended
the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. In addition to the Mangrove Eco-corridor Forum, four thematic forums were held, including Environmental NGOs’ Role in Biodiversity Mainstreaming, 100+ Biodiversity Positive Protective Actions Around the World, Foundations Helping Biodiversity Conservation, and Independent Contribution from Non-State Actors and the Post-2020 Goal for Biodiversity Conservation.

**ACC Held the 2021 Joint Executive Board Meeting**

On 3 November 2021, the 2021 Joint Executive Board (JEB) Meeting of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) was held at the ACC Secretariat. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei to China, on behalf of the rotating chair of ASEAN, and Ms. Dong Shuhui, Counsellor of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Attendants included Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Mrs. Khamphao Ernthavanh, Ambassador of Lao PDR to China, Mr. Raja Nushirwan, Ambassador of Malaysia to China, and other diplomats from embassies of all ASEAN Member States (AMS) in China, representatives of JEB China Council members such as Chinese Ministry of Education, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), and officials of the ACC Secretariat.

The JEB members highly commended ACC’s efforts and achievements in promoting friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media to echo the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. In particular, ACC was acclaimed for its success in carrying out various activities through innovative ways amid the pandemic. The year 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of
ACC. In the past decade, ACC has played an important part in promoting ASEAN-China relations and achieved remarkable results. All members looked forward to seeing ACC continue its role as a one-stop information and activities centre, implement important consensus reached by the leaders of the two sides, especially the outcomes of the 24th ASEAN-China Summit and the upcoming special summit to commemorate the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, and refine the work programme 2022 under the annual theme of sustainable development cooperation, so as to make new contributions to the ASEAN-China comprehensive strategic partnership.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai expressed his appreciation to the JEB members for their long-standing support and their comments and suggestions on ACC Secretariat’s work and his heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders from ASEAN and China for their support to ACC’s establishment and development over the past ten years. He said in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, ACC has joined hands with all partners to expand and deepen ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields. Activities celebrating the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China relations and flagship projects were well carried out, such as the Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations by AMS Ambassadors to China, ASEAN-China SME Conference for Cooperation and Development, Symposium on ASEAN-China Public Health Cooperation and China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week. ACC continued to strengthen sustainable development cooperation and create highlights in areas such as digital economy cooperation, contributing to regional pandemic prevention and economic recovery. Standing at a new starting point for ASEAN-China relations and its own development, ACC is ready to work closely with all JEB members to fulfil various tasks as planned, further deepen ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and practical cooperation, and take ASEAN-China relations to a new high.

The JEB members listened to the work report of ACC since the 2020 Joint Council Meeting, and deliberated on ACC’s Draft Annual Report 2021, Draft Work Programme 2022, Proposed Budget of Operational Expenditure 2022 and other related issues. The above-mentioned documents will be submitted to the 2021 Joint Council Meeting of ACC for further consideration and approval.

Attended Side Event on Practices from ASEAN-China Regional Cooperation during UNFCCC COP26

On 11 November 2021, hosted by the Global Climate Action Initiative (GCAI), the 26th United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP26) side event “Forum of Energy Transition and Natural-based Solutions: Practices from ASEAN-China Regional Cooperation” was held in Glasgow, the United Kingdom. The forum was presided over by Mr. Wang Yi, Vice President of the Institute of Science and Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Mr. Xie Zhenhua, China’s Special Envoy on Climate Change and Co-chairman of GCAI, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), and Mr. Li Haiyan, Secretary-General of GCAI, delivered speeches. Government officials, NGO representatives and experts from China, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam spoke at the forum.

Mr. Xie Zhenhua stated that China and ASEAN Member States (AMS) are developing countries, face similar challenges and have a lot in common in addressing climate change. There are great potentials for cooperation between the two sides in the fields of energy structure transition, non-fossil energy development, natural ecological environment restoration, forest conservation to increase carbon sinks, oceans and coastal wetland ecosystem protection such as mangroves and carbon market. China will earnestly implement the three suggestions put forward by President Xi Jinping in his written statement at the World Leaders Summit of Climate Change, including upholding multilateral consensus, focusing on concrete actions and accelerating the green transition. He said China will continue strengthening bilateral and regional policy dialogue and practical cooperation with AMS in the fields of climate change and biodiversity protection, so as to benefit the peoples of China and AMS and contribute to regional and global climate change efforts. It was hoped that all sectors of society in China and AMS will work together to create an example of regional cooperation in addressing climate change, and contribute wisdom and solutions to the construction of global ecological civilization.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that this year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. Green and sustainable development cooperation has always played an important part in enhancing ASEAN-China relations. The two sides have made unremitting efforts in the fields of climate change,
environmental protection, ecological diversity, renewable energy, etc. ASEAN and China jointly established the China-ASEAN Environmental Protection Cooperation Centre and adopted the Framework of ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2025). China also signed agreements with several AMS on addressing climate change, and actively provided technical and personnel support to ASEAN through training, seminars and other forms of cooperation. As nature-based solutions, ASEAN-China cooperation on renewable energy and mangrove conservation can be an important breakthrough point in addressing the challenges brought by climate change. ACC hoped to take this side event as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with all parties concerned and start a new journey of ASEAN-China cooperation on green and sustainable development.

The side event consisted of two parts, “Renewable Energy Development and Cooperation between AMS and China” and “Joint effort to facilitate mangrove conservation practices as natural-based solutions between AMS and China”. About 100 participants attended the forum online and offline, including representatives from the Sustainable Global Environment Institute of China, Ministry of Science and Technology of Myanmar, Institute for Essential Services Reform and Yagasu Foundation of Indonesia, Green Innovation and Development Centre of Viet Nam, and Oceanus Conservation of the Philippines. Other representatives from Japan, Europe and the U.S. attending the UNFCCC COP26 were also present at the forum. The speakers respectively introduced the current status, policy guidelines and development plans of renewable energy and mangrove conservation in their countries. The participants fully exchanged views on strengthening joint actions and expanding cooperation on climate change.
CHAPTER V
NETWORKING WITH RELATED AGENCIES AND MECHANISMS
Interactions with Governments of ASEAN Member States and China

1. Maintained Close Exchanges with Governments of ASEAN Member States

ACC maintained close contacts with the governments of AMS to exchange views and promote cooperation, to give a boost to the recovery of economic, cultural and people-to-people exchanges of two sides, in face of the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic in the region.

From 16 to 17 December 2020, ACC and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia jointly organized the Chinese Tour Guide Training and Capacity Building Workshop of ASEAN (Indonesia), focusing on tourism service standards, tourism product branding and destination promotion.

From 14 to 17, 22 to 23 September 2021, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), the Department of Tourism of the Philippines and the Philippine Embassy in China jointly organized the online Chinese Language Training of ASEAN (the Philippines), and the number of local participants from across the Philippines was over 100. The Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guides and Tourism Practitioners of ASEAN (Cambodia) was held from 4 to 5 November, co-organized by ACC and the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia.

2. Maintained Close Ties with Embassies and Consulates of ASEAN Member States in China

The Secretariat has been keeping close interactions with the AMS embassies and consulates in China, to get informed of the latest
development needs of AMS in a timely manner, closely work together to build a bridge of connectivity between the two sides, and explore more beneficial ways of cooperation in a bid to accomplish the dual tasks of epidemic prevention and control and economic recovery in the region. In 2021, Secretary-General Chen had in-depth exchanges with the ambassadors of AMS in China on multiple occasions. The Secretariat and the AMS embassies also kept regular visits with each other for working-level exchanges.

In 2021, the embassies and consulates of AMS in China gave strong support to the work of the Secretariat and actively participated in lots of activities organized by ACC in various areas of ASEAN-China cooperation. In April 2021, ACC and the Embassy of Thailand jointly held activities to commemorate the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations at the event Thai Festival 2021 in Beijing, and in May, ACC and the Embassy of Indonesia successfully held the Symposium on ASEAN-China Public Health Cooperation in Xuzhou, Jiangsu province. In September 2021, ACC co-organized with the Embassy of Brunei in Beijing the Commemorative Photo Exhibition on the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. In December, ACC representatives attended the activities of “Thailand Week 2021”, and joined the event ASEAN Ladies’ Circle Afternoon Tea Gathering at Brunei Embassy.

3. Consolidated Communication with China’s Diplomatic Missions in ASEAN and other AMS

In 2021, ACC kept close communication with the diplomatic and consular missions of China to ASEAN and AMS and made joint efforts to further promote the good momentum of ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation. In August 2021, the “ASEAN Youth, Run with Yiwu” Global Youth Business Programme (GYBP) was held in Yiwu, Zhejiang Province. The event was jointly organized by ACC, the Zhejiang Provincial People’s Government, the Chinese Mission to ASEAN and the China-ASEAN Association. Mr. Deng Xijun, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, gave online remarks at the opening of the event. In September 2021, at the Symposium and the Reception in Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations hosted by ACC, the Chinese Ambassadors to both ASEAN and AMS sent messages to the events via video.

4. Strengthened Exchanges with Local Governments in China

ACC continued to strengthen ties and coordination with local governments of China to jointly advance the local-level exchanges and cooperation between AMS and China. In recent years, ACC has established solid friendly cooperative relations with many local provinces and cities of China, and reached cooperation consensus across various areas. In 2021, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met...
with provincial officials of Hainan, Guangxi, Shandong, Jiangsu, Guizhou, Gansu, Heilongjiang, Hunan and municipal officials of Dezhou, Xuzhou, Qingdao, Jiaozhou, Jinhua, Meishan, Changzhi, Guiyang, Dalian, Binzhou, Dongying, Chongqing, Chengdu, Linyi, Tangshan, Sanya, Xiangtan and so on.


**ACC and ASEAN Secretariat**

ACC kept close ties with the ASEAN Secretariat, to promote the implementation of the important consensus reached by leaders of ASEAN and China, and deepen exchanges and cooperation in various fields of both sides. In 2021, the ASEAN Secretariat continued to give strong support to ACC’s work. Mr. Kun Phoak, the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, attended and addressed many activities hosted by ACC via video conference, such as the Symposium on ASEAN-China Public Health Cooperation in Xuzhou in May, the ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum 2021 in Beijing in June, the 3rd Exchange on ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation in July, and the Symposium to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations in September.

**Exchanges among Secretariats of ACC, AJC and AKC and in Support of APT Cooperation**

ACC has maintained good interactions with two counterparts the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), and the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), and also built close connection with diplomatic missions of both Japan and Republic of Korea, in support of ASEAN Plus Three (APT) cooperation, to jointly bolster the practical cooperation in key areas and promote economic recovery and common development in East Asia.

On 24 March 2021, the 16th informal meeting among Secretaries-General of ACC, AJC and AKC was held online. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC. Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of AJC, and Mr. Lee Hyuk, Secretary-General of AKC, attended the meeting. Other participants included Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of the General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of the Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, and other senior officials of AJC and AKC. The three centres reviewed the work progress since the 15th informal meeting and the work programme in 2021 respectively, and put forward
proposals of deepening tripartite cooperation under the new background. On 1 December 2021, Secretary-General Chen Dehai had an online meeting with Mr. Kunihiko Hirabayashi, the new Secretary-General of AJC. The two sides exchanged views on enhancing communication and deepening exchanges and cooperation among ACC, AJC and AMS.

On 4 December 2020, Secretary-General Chen met with the Minister of Embassy of Japan in China. On 18 May 2021, Secretary-General Chen met with Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of the ROK in China and Director of the Korean Cultural Centre in China.

ACC and Boao Forum for Asia Secretariat

ACC has been an active participant of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference, and collaborated well with the BFA Secretariat. In April, Secretary-General Chen was invited to attend the BFA Annual Conference 2021, and addressed the ASEAN-China Governors/Mayors’ Dialogue, and the Round-table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organization & Asian Think Tank Forum.

ACC and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Secretariat

ACC has maintained close contacts and interactions with the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Secretariat. Secretary-General Chen met and exchanged in-depth views with Mr. Vladimir Norov, the Secretary-General of SCO, on many occasions.

In November 2020, upon invitation, ACC representative attended the 2020 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) (Xuzhou) Regional Cooperation and Exchange Conference, and the Multilateral Economic, Trade and Cultural Cooperation and Exchange Forum, held in Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province. In February 2021, Secretary-General Chen visited the SCO Secretariat, together with Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam, and Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia. In September 2021, Mr. Yerik Sarsebek Ashimov, Mr. Zhang Haizhou and Mr. Azymbakiev Muratbek Abakirovich, Deputy Secretaries-General of SCO attended the Reception in Celebrating 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations hosted by ACC in Beijing.
## Annex

### 2021 Calendar of Activities of the ASEAN-China Centre

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<td>Held the 10th JC Meeting of ACC</td>
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<td>17-19</td>
<td>SG Attended the Annual Meeting of International Mountain Tourism Alliance (IMTA) 2020 Guiyang</td>
<td>Guiyang, Guizhou</td>
<td>ECTD (T+C)</td>
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<td>19-21</td>
<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd Intake of CKGSB ASEAN New Economy Leadership Program</td>
<td>Shenzhen, Guangdong</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>Held A Lecture on Law</td>
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<td>Attended Activities of Guangdong High-Tech Industry Chamber</td>
<td>Shenzhen, Guangdong</td>
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<td>20-22</td>
<td>SG Attended the Understanding China Conference 2020 (Guangzhou)</td>
<td>Guangzhou, Guangdong</td>
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<td>23-24</td>
<td>Attended the “Light of CETC” of 2020 World Internet Conference in Wuzhen</td>
<td>Wuzhen, Zhejiang</td>
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<td>23-29</td>
<td>Co-hosted with NRTA the 2nd ASEAN-China TV Week and ASEAN-China Short Video Competition</td>
<td>Guilin, Guangxi</td>
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<td>23-26</td>
<td>Invited Indonesian Ambassador to China to Hold “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” in Hainan</td>
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<td>23-29</td>
<td>Organized 2020 AMS Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Hainan</td>
<td>Haikou, Boao and Sanya, Hainan</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Preparation Launching Ceremony of “China-ASEAN Sports and Cultural Exchange Alliance” and “Maritime Silk Road Art Education Alliance”</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Information Harbor Digital Silk Road Industry Cooperation Forum</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>25-27</td>
<td>Attended the 2020 SCO (Xuzhou) Local Regional Cooperation and Exchange Conference</td>
<td>Xuzhou, Jiangsu</td>
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<td>Attended the 4th China-ASEAN Information Harbor Forum</td>
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<td>Visited the China-ASEAN Information Harbor Co., Ltd.</td>
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<td>Attended the China-ASEAN Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation Forum</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>Attended the 10+3 SME Seminar on Coastal City Emergency Industry</td>
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<td>27-30</td>
<td>Set up ACC Booth at 17th CAEXPO</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<tr>
<td>28</td>
<td>SG Met with Vice Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>SG Attended the 10th Anniversary Forum on the Full Establishment of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>SG Attended the Regional Industrial Symbiosis Chain of Petroleum and Chemical Industry Forum</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>30-Dec. 1</td>
<td>Attended the 43rd SEAMEO High Officials Meeting (HOM)</td>
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<td>Participated in the China-ASEAN NGO Activists Seminar</td>
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<td>Participated in CSCSE Global Partners’ Reception 2020</td>
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<td>2-10</td>
<td>Co-hosted the China-Southeast Asia (Myanmar) International Trade Digital Expo and SG Attended the Opening Ceremony</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>SG Met with Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Shaanxi Radio and Television Convergence Media Group</td>
<td>ACC Secretariat</td>
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<td>SG Met with the Minister of Embassy of Japan in China</td>
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<td>Held Discussion with Dalian University of Foreign Languages</td>
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<td>7-10</td>
<td>SG Attended the 15th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum</td>
<td>Guilin, Guangxi</td>
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<td>7-10</td>
<td>Supported and Attended the China-ASEAN Forum on Digital Culture and Tourism Collaboration, and China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition</td>
<td>Guilin, Guangxi</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Attended the Indonesia-China Investment Business Forum 2020</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Attended the 8th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>SG Attended “2020 Culture Performance for Brunei-China Tourism Year, Malaysia-China Culture and Tourism Year, Myanmar-China Culture and Tourism Year and ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition”</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
<td>ECTD (C+T)</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>SG Attended the “Love Knows No Border” International Charity Sale 2020</td>
<td>Online</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>SG Met with Head of Office of Foreign Affairs of Hainan</td>
<td>ACC Secretariat</td>
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<tr>
<td>16-17</td>
<td>Co-organized Workshop of Chinese Tour Guide Training and Tourism Capacity Building of ASEAN with Indonesia</td>
<td>Online</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>SG Met with Deputy Director-General of External Promotion Bureau of the State Council Information Office of China</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>SG Met With Counsellor of Department of Asian Affairs, MFA of China</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>SG Met with Vice President of Hainan Tropical Ocean University</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Attended the Anhui and RCEP Local Governments Seminar</td>
<td>Hefei, Anhui</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>Co-hosted “The Story of Time – 24 Solar Terms” Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity with Central Academy of Fine Arts of China</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Signed MoC with Dezhou Municipal People’s Government</td>
<td>Dezhou, Shandong</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>SG Met with Secretary of the CPC Dezhou Municipal Committee</td>
<td>Dezhou, Shandong</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>SG Met with Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Province</td>
<td>Jinan, Shandong</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>SG Visited Shandong University</td>
<td>Jinan, Shandong</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>Participated in Mekong-Lancang Tourist Cities Cooperation Seminar</td>
<td>Nanjing, Jiangsu</td>
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### January

| 5     | Updated *A General Overview of ASEAN-China Media Cooperation* on ACC Website                                                                | Online    | IPRD     |
| 5     | Released *ACC as Activities Centre* on ACC Website                                                                                          | Online    | IPRD     |
| 7     | Updated *ACC as Information Centre* on ACC Website                                                                                           | Online    | IPRD     |
| 7     | Met with the Director of Film Marketing Department of the Organizing Committee of Beijing International Film Festival | Beijing   | ECTD(C)  |
| 8     | SG Met with President of China International Publishing Group                                                                            | ACC Secretariat  | IPRD     |

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<td>SG Met with Ambassador of Lao PDR to China</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Met with DCM of Bruneian Embassy</td>
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<td>Met with DCM of Malaysian Embassy</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>SG Attended “Access to China’s Lunar Exploration Program” Activity</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>SG Attended the 2021 International Day of Education - China Celebration</td>
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<td>Met with DCM of Philippine Embassy</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Exchanged Views with Embassy of Lao PDR</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>Met with Officials from FECC of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China</td>
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<td>Released Newsletter (issue 35)</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>Held Media Networking Activity Among Media Officials of AMS Embassies in China, ASEAN Media in Beijing and Chinese Mainstream Media</td>
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<td>Updated Outdoor Display Board of ACC</td>
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<td>SG Met with the Delegation of Halal Catering (Food) Industry Committee of the World Federation of Chinese Catering Industry and Beijing Cuisine Association</td>
<td>ACC Secretariat</td>
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<td>2-3</td>
<td>Attended the 53rd Meeting of ASEAN NTOs and the 38th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs</td>
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<td>3-4</td>
<td>Supported the Silk Road Carnival &amp; Online Spring Festival Gala 2021</td>
<td>Xi’an, Shaanxi</td>
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<tr>
<td>4-5</td>
<td>SG Attended the 24th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers and the 20th Meeting of ASEAN Plus China, Japan and the ROK Tourism Ministers</td>
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<td>SG Met with Ambassador of Indonesia</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Met with Director of the International Education College of the Central University of Finance and Economics</td>
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<td>SG Met with Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)</td>
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<td>Updated ACC Introduction and Organizational Structure on ACC Website</td>
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<td>Updated and Printed ACC Leaflet</td>
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<td>Attended the Seminar and Relevant Activities of China Merchants Group on “Opportunities and Challenges of ASEAN-China Economic Development under the RCEP”</td>
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| 2      | SG Met with Delegation of Guiyang Municipal Government                       | ACC Secretariat                 | ECTD (T+C)                      |
| 2      | Co-hosted with CIPG the 2021 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum             | Beijing                         | IPRD                            |
| 3-9    | Organized a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and Journalists Stationed in Beijing | Gansu                           | IPRD                            |
| 4-21   | Co-organized China-ASEAN Culture and Tourism Exhibition                     | Beijing                         | ECTD (T+C)                      |
| 7-11   | Organized 2021 ASEAN Member State Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Dalian | Dalian, Liaoning               | ECTD (E)                        |
| 10     | Exchanged Views with Delegation of Nanjing University                       | ACC Secretariat                 | GACD                            |</p>
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<td>Co-organized the 16th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum</td>
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<td>Co-organized the TVET Workshop for Indonesian Vocational Colleges</td>
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<td>SG Met with Chairman of CCPIT Heilongjiang Sub-council</td>
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<td>Attended the 3rd BRICS Forum on Partnership on New Industrial Revolution and the BRICS New Industrial Revolution Exhibition 2021 (Xiamen)</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the ASEAN-China TVET High-tea, the ASEAN-China Rising Star Innovation Lab, the ASEAN-China Vocational Education Forum, and the ASEAN-China Language and Culture Forum during 2021 CAECW</td>
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<td>Organized AMS Education Officials to Visit Guizhou Kaifang University (Guizhou Vocational and Technical College) and Guizhou Minzu University and Had a Meeting with 12 Universities and Colleges of Guizhou Province</td>
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<td>Investigated the Conditions for Huzhou City to Hold Large-scale Economic and Trade Forums</td>
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<td>Vice Mayor of Linyi City Visited ACC</td>
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<td>Hunan Provincial Leaders Met with Ambassador of Lao PDR and SG Chen</td>
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<td>Attended Indonesia-China Business Forum 2021</td>
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<td>Attended the iFLYTEK 1024 Global Developer Festival</td>
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<td>Reviewed and Summarized ACC’s Achievements in the Past Ten Years</td>
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<td>Organized the Chinese Seminar for Indonesian Middle School Principals</td>
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<td>Update the News and Cultural Resources on the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges</td>
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